

Republic of the Philippines **QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**

Quezon City 22nd City Council

PR22CC-869

62nd Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP-_9657

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 9605, ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES - QUEZON CITY BRANCH (PUP QC) IN BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH, DISTRICT II, QUEZON CITY

Introduced by Councilor ALY MEDALLA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the same Constitution asserts that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

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WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the same Constitution further underscores that "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the "Doktor Para Sa Bayan Act" of 2020, provides that "It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of health of the people through the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies for the appropriate generation, recruitment, retraining, regulation, retention and reassessment of the health workforce making it more attuned to the needs of the population. It is also the declared policy of the State to promote social justice by expanding access to quality education and creating opportunities for underprivileged individuals";

WHEREAS, the number of licensed physicians has dropped over the years, with a total of 7.86 doctors per 10,000 persons in the Philippines in 2021, according to the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, there are only 3 PAASCU (Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities) - accredited educational institutions that offer Doctor of Medicine programs in Quezon City and none is present in the 2nd District of the City;

WHEREAS, in view thereof, there is a need to establish and provide access to medical schools to promote quality health education;

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2023, the Honorable Ralph Wendel F. Tulfo, Representative of the 2nd District of Quezon City, Honorable Jocelyn F. Tulfo, and Honorable Erwin F. Tulfo, filed House Bill No. 9605, entitled "An Act Establishing a College of Medicine in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Quezon City Branch and Appropriating Funds Therefor."

NOW, THEREFORE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly support, as it does hereby strongly support, House Bill No. 9605, entitled An Act Establishing a College of Medicine in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Quezon City Branch (PUP QC) in Barangay Commonwealth, District II, Quezon City.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Honorable House Speaker Martin Romualdez, the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture Chairperson Roman Romulo, the Congressional Representatives of Quezon City, the Honorable Senate President Francis "Chiz" Escudero, and the Senate Committee on Education, Arts, and Culture Chairperson Pia S. Cayetano.

ADOPTED: May 13, 2024.

GIAN G. SOTTO CityWice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS SVALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 13, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on May 20, 2024.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III City Council Secretary)