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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4
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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING "QUEZON CITY TASK FORCE ON PREVENTION
AND CONTROL OF 2019- NOVEL CORONAVIRUS" OR "QC TASK FORCE TO
STOP nCoV", DEFINING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-018, GUIDE TO ACTIONS AGAINST
CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16, of the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of the Philippines, Local government are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their localities;

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, the WHO China Country Office was informed of cases of pneumonia unknown etiology (unknown cause) detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. From December 31, 2019, through January 3, 2020, a total of 44 case-patients with pneumonia of unknown etiology were reported to WHO by the national authorities in China. During this reported period, the causal agent was not identified. On January 7, 2020, The Chinese authorities announced the identification of New Type of Corona Virus isolated (WHO, SITUATION REPORT NO.1 ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS);

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the 2019- Novel Coronavirus outbreak in China as a public health emergency of international concern. Globally, there are a total of 9,826 confirmed cases and 213 Deaths. Nineteen other countries have reported confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018 providing for the Guides to Action Against "CoronaVirus" to all local government units;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the threat of the 2019-nCoV and that it will meet the challenges of preventing and controlling the spread of this novel disease in our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute the "QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF 2019- NOVEL CORONAVIRUS" OR "QC TASK FORCE TO STOP nCoV":

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF 2019- NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.
The Task Force on against the 2019-nCoV is hereby created, to be composed of the following:

Chairperson: The City Mayor

Vice Chairperson: The Head, Quezon City Health Department

Members: The Head, Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
The Hospital Director, Quezon City General Hospital and Medical Center
The Hospital Director, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital
The Hospital Director, Novaliches District Hospital
The Head, Public Affairs and Information Department
The Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department
The Head, Environment Protection and Waste Management Department
The Head, Quezon City Tourism Department
The Head, Public Employment Service Office

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The "Quezon City Task Force on Prevention and Control Of 2019- Novel Coronavirus" shall have the following functions:

- 2.1 Formulate an evidence-based, comprehensive preparedness plan to prevent, control, and mitigate the occurrence of 2019-Novel Coronavirus in the city;
- 2.2 Coordinate and synchronize all local government departments' activities related to the 2019-Novel Coronavirus response;
- 2.3 Collaborate with the relevant National Agencies, all local government activities related to the prevention and control of 2019-Novel Coronavirus;
- 2.4 Lead an intensified Information Education Campaign (IEC) on nCoV. The TF shall include in the plan, strategies to avoid misinformation that may cause unnecessary panic in the community;
- 2.5 Assist all barangays in organizing their Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) composed of BPSO and Barangay Health Workers, with the supervision of the City Health Department;
- 2.6 Establish proper monitoring system in all barangays. Persons arriving from an nCoV affected country should be reported to the Mayor and the 14-day home confinement must be thoroughly observed. Emergency Hotlines should also be utilized to report arrivals and/or suspected nCoV cases in the community;
- 2.7 Ensure that the local health authorities have proper equipment and protective gadgets;
- 2.8 Work hand-in-hand with the Quezon City Price Coordinating Council to monitor the prices of medicines and preventive gears.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Secretariat for the Task Force shall be composed of the following:

One (1) representative from the Office of the City Mayor

One (1) representative from the City Health Department

One (1) representative from the QC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office


Additional member of the Secretariat may be appointed by the Task Force as the need arises.

SECTION 4. DISSEMINATION. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance, pursuant to Section 455 (1) (xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All issuances, orders, guidelines, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take immediately.

ISSUED, this 31 January 2020, Quezon City.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor