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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6885**, S-2016

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY-BASED DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVALICHES HEADED BY ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF NOVALICHES ANTONIO R. TOBIAS, D.D. AND THE QUEZON CITY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL HEADED BY CITY VICE MAYOR, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE.

Introduced by Councilor ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigail G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the Diocese of Novaliches in Quezon City has taken the initiative of bringing together the stakeholders under its jurisdiction, as well as in neighboring communities, into a forum meant to define concrete, humane measures for the Philippine government's nationwide war against illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, the forum entitled "Summit Meeting on Church Response to the War on Drugs", was held in Quezon City last September 9, 2016 at the Palace of the Rock, St. Peter Shrine of Leaders in Commonwealth Avenue;

WHEREAS, during the launching, Most Reverend Antonio R. Tobias, Bishop of Novaliches emphasized that it is important "to have concrete actions to address the drug problems of the country" and that the church's community-based drug rehabilitation program will be a program to help the afflicted parishioners and Quezon City residents;

WHEREAS, the Diocese of Novaliches has provided its Bahay-Pangarap property in Barangay San Agustin as Rehabilitation Center for the use of the Quezon City government through Quezon City Vice Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, Chair of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC);

WHEREAS, the Community Based Drug Rehabilitation Program is a joint partnership of the Diocese of Novaliches and the Quezon City Government, together with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Health (DOH), and Civic Organizations which will treat surrenderers as "out-patients" in need of healing from drug abuse and dependency and provides them the privilege to come home to their families during the process;

WHEREAS, under the program, parishes in the Diocese of Novaliches are mandated to create a Community Rehabilitation Network (CRN) Team, composed of the Ministries of Family and Life, Faith and Formation, Social Action, Public Affairs, Basic Ecclesial Communities, Restorative Justice, Pastoral Care for Children and Vulnerable Adults, Youth, Catechetical, and Social Communication-who will accompany the surrenderers to the Barangay for proper documentation and assessment;

WHEREAS, the key focus of the program is community based treatment by reaching to people that are affected by the harms of substance abuse with limited access to services. The goals of the program are to: Encourage behavior change directly in the community; actively involve local organizations and community members and target populations. This calls for the establishment of an integrated network of community based services in a manner that is empowering and recognizes the right of people with drug related problems to receive full range of treatment services regardless of age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, social and economic class and location. And to end violent trafficking, as well as the loss of countless innocent lives in the government's "war on drugs";

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WHEREAS, coined as AKAP or Abot-Kamay Alang-alang sa Pagbabago, the Diocesan Community Based Drug Rehabilitation Program enables the "Out Patients" to undergo drug patient's care, family care and community care after being "processed" by the Barangay through the Department of Health. This process under the DOH includes a six-month detoxification program for those assessed to have mild drug dependency. The entire drug rehabilitation program is expected to run to a maximum of eighteen (18) months and aims to bring back the "out-patients" into their normal functioning as persons, parishioners and members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE,

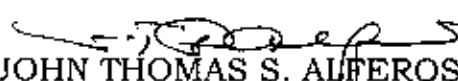
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commend and support, as it does hereby commend and support the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program of the Diocese of Novaliches headed by Roman Catholic Bishop of Novaliches Antonio R. Tobias, D.D. and the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council headed by City Vice Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution the Most Reverend Antonio R. Tobias, Bishop, Diocese of Novaliches and others concerned for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: October 3, 2016.

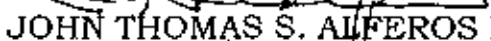

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 3, 2016 and was CONFIRMED on November 14, 2016.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

