RESOLUTION NO. 2493, S-2017

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CONDUCT OF MASSIVE HIV/AIDS INFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN EVERY BARANGAY AND PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

WHEREAS, tracing its beginnings in the Philippines, HIV infection in the country was first reported in 1984. Between January 1984 and July 2015, a total of 27,138 cases were reported, with the most dramatic increase in the number of cases happening in the past five years, according to the same government data. Eighty-four per cent (or 22,714) of the 27,138 diagnosed cases have been reported since January 2010;

WHEREAS, according to the latest data from the Philippine Department of Health’s Epidemiology Bureau, the number of individuals with HIV newly diagnosed per day rose to 22 last year, from just one in 2008, four in 2010, nine in 2012 and 17 in 2014;

WHEREAS, in just one month in 2015 (July), there were 682 new cases registered, 17 per cent more than in the same month of the previous year. Ninety-four per cent of them were male and the average age was 27. Half of the individuals diagnosed as HIV positive belong to the 25-to-34 year age group, while 30 per cent were youth aged 15 to 24;

WHEREAS, based on the latest HIV/AIDS Registry of the Department of Health (DOH), there have been 841 new HIV cases in the country in June alone and 103 cases have developed into full-blown AIDS;

WHEREAS, the number is the highest ever recorded in a single month since 1984 when HIV was first detected in the country, the DOH reported;

WHEREAS, it noted that 92 percent of the cases were acquired through sexual transmissions, mainly by men having sex with men (MSM);

WHEREAS, based on the HIV/AIDS Registry of the Department of Health (DOH), there have been 841 new HIV cases in the country in June 2016 alone and 103 cases have developed into full-blown AIDS;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has registered the fastest-growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Asia-Pacific in the past six years with a 140-percent increase in the number of new infections according to data of Department of Health and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);

WHEREAS, the number of HIV cases in the country has been increasing and the City must take immediate steps to ensure the safety of its residents and take action to at least prevent it from spreading;

WHEREAS, the City Government, through the City Health Department, must reach out to more residents so the City Government will know the extent of HIV infections;
WHEREAS, massive information campaign can make a big impact on the detection, prevention and decreasing transmission of the disease.

RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, the City Government, through the City Health Department, must hasten and intensify its HIV/AIDS information campaign and awareness drive to prevent the transmission of the disease.

ADOPTED on this 4th day of December, 2017 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

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