Resolucion No. 2888, S-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE
MAYOR Carmelita A. Abalos to enter into
and sign the Memorandum of Agreement
and Subsequent Specific Implementation
Agreements for and in behalf of the City
Government with the Philippine Red Cross
for increased community testing for
COVID-19 in the City of Mandaluyong

WHEREAS, it is a state policy to protect and promote the right to health of
its people;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes public health emergencies, including
pandemics, as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine
the social, economic, and political functions of the State;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, pursuant to the DOH recommendation,
President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, entitled “Declaring a
State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines” which expanded the
response to COVID-19 to all government sectors; gave the DOH, through the
Health Secretary, the power to call on the police and other law enforcement
agencies to address the COVID-19 pandemic; facilitated the mobilization of
resources; eased processes, including procurement of critical logistics and
supplies; and intensified reporting;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the
Management of Emerging Infectious Disease upgraded the COVID-19 Alert System
to Code Red sublevel 2. It promulgated Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020, which
the President approved on the same day. Resolution 11 imposed wide-ranging
emergency health measures, including community quarantine on the entire Metro
Manila, prohibition of mass gatherings, class suspensions, and imposition of
stringent social distancing, among others;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, under Ordinance No. 759, S-2020, the City
Council declared Mandaluyong City to be under a state of calamity, following the
sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the
country;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President declared an Enhanced
Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon including Metro Manila as part of its
continuous campaign to halt the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has recommended to increase
community testing through the accreditation of and partnership with testing
laboratories in order to curb the spread of COVID-19;
WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) enacted Resolution No. 21 which adopted and approved DOH’s guidelines for COVID-19 mass testing;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Red Cross has offered its COVID-19 testing services to the City of Mandaluyong, and warrants that it has the requisite accreditation from the government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enact a resolution authorizing the City Mayor, CARMELITA A. ABALOS, to enter into and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government, a Memorandum of Agreement and any subsequent specific implementation agreements with the Philippine Red Cross.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session assembled, RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to authorize the Honorable Mayor CARMELITA A. ABALOS to enter into and sign, for and in behalf of the City Government, the Memorandum of Agreement and any subsequent specific implementation agreements with the Philippine Red Cross for increased community testing for COVID-19 in the City of Mandaluyong.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ADOPTED on this 16th day of April, 2020, in the City of Mandaluyong.

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

ATTESTED BY: 

APPROVED: 

ANTONIO DLS SUVA
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: APR 16 2020