



Republic of the Philippines
CITY COUNCIL
City of Manila

REGULAR SESSION NO. 58

11TH CITY COUNCIL

Begun and held in the City Council on Thursday,
the thirtieth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty

ORDINANCE NO. 8639

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING ONE MILLION PESOS (PHP. 1,000,000.00) AS ENDOWMENT BENEFIT TO ALL HEALTH WORKERS IN CITY-OWNED HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTERS WHO SUCCEMDED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN THE LINE OF DUTY OR WHILE PERFORMING HIS/HER DUTIES TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IN THE CITY OF MANILA

PRINCIPAL AUTHORS: **HON. JOEL R. CHUA**, Majority Floor Leader, **HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.**, President Pro-Tempore, **HON. PRISCILLA MARIE T. ABANTE-BARQUIA**, **HON. IRMA C. ALFONSO-JUSON**, **HON. TERENCE F. ALIBARBAR**, **HON. KRYSTLE MARIE C. BACANI**, **HON. DON JUAN "DJ" BAGATSING**, **HON. LARIS T. BORROMEO**, **HON. MA. THERESA F. BUENAVENTURA-QUIMPO**, **HON. CARLOS C. CASTANEDA**, **HON. LOUISITO N. CHUA**, **HON. ERNESTO G. DIONISIO**, **HON. JESUS M. FAJARDO**, **HON. PAMELA "FA" G. FUGOSO-PASCUAL**, **HON. JOEY S. HIZON III**, **HON. RICARDO "BOY" ISIP, JR.**, **HON. MACARIO M. LACSON**, **HON. SALVADOR PHILIP H. LACUNA**, **HON. MOISES T. LIM**, **HON. NUMERO G. LIM**, **HON. JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ**, **HON. ERICK IAN O. NIEVA**, **HON. CHARRY R. ORTEGA**, **HON. JOEL M. PAR**, **HON. WARDEE P. QUINTOS XIV**, **HON. SCIENCE A. REYES**, **HON. ROMA PAULA S. ROBLES-DALUZ**, **HON. DARWIN B. SIA**, **HON. EDWARD M. TAN**, **HON. IRWIN C. TIENG**, **HON. CHRISTIAN PAUL L. UY**, **HON. LUCIANO M. VELOSO**, **HON. JOEL "JTV" VILLANUEVA**, **HON. RAYMUNDO R. YUPANGCO**, **HON. LEILANI MARIE H. LACUNA** and **HON. DANIEL DAVE A. TAN**



22

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, His Excellency, President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines by reason of the looming COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 922 enjoins all government units to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, on the same date, President Duterte adopted Resolution No. 11 Series of 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of emerging Infectious Disease, thus, placing the entire National Capital Region under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Presidential Proclamation No. 929 s. 2020 was issued declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines and imposed an enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) throughout Luzon;

WHEREAS, to date, the Department of Health confirmed that a total of 1,245 healthcare workers in the country have been infected with COVID-19, with 27 succumbing to the disease, and of those who died, 21 are doctors while six are nurses;

WHEREAS, the country now records a 16% infection rate among healthcare workers, with the health department confirming a total of 7,777 cases of the disease nationwide as of 27 March 2020;

WHEREAS, on 09 April 2020 ("Araw ng Kagitingan"), President Duterte, in his message to the nation lauded our "Bagong Bayani" saying that ""As we face this unprecedented public health emergency that threatens the very survival of our society, let us all draw strength from the heroism of x x x these unnamed heroes in the fight against COVID-19. May their example give us the courage and strength to endure this pandemic and rise as a stronger and more resilient nation";

WHEREAS, to show our heartfelt admiration and gratitude to the selfless sacrifices of our "Bagong Bayani", it is but proper to hand down to their beneficiaries an endowment benefit given in their honor and memory: NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**BAGONG BAYANI ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ORDINANCE OF 2020**".

SEC. 2. Any Health Workers in City-owned Hospitals and Health Centers who succumbed to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the line of duty or while performing his/her duties to combat the spread of the disease in the City of Manila shall be entitled an endowment benefit amounting to **ONE MILLION PESOS (PhP. 1,000,000.00)**.

In addition to the endowment mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the surviving children, if any, of the Health Worker shall be given a scholarship in the City's Schools and/or Universities.

SEC. 3. For purposes of this Ordinance, health workers shall mean all persons who are engaged in health and health-related work, and all persons employed in all City-owned Hospitals and Manila Health Department (MHD), regardless of their employment status.

SEC. 4. The following shall be the qualified beneficiaries of the health worker for the endowment mentioned in the preceding section:

- a. If married, the surviving spouse and children, whether legitimate or illegitimate, if any;
- b. If single, the surviving parent/s, or in their absence, the nearest ascendants; in the absence of the latter, then the nearest descendants, and in their absence, the surviving siblings; and
- c. If unmarried but has a common law partner, then 30% of the benefit shall accrue to the latter and the remaining 70% to the children, whether legitimate or illegitimate.

SEC. 5. The Manila Health Department (MHD) shall implement the provisions of this Ordinance and shall issue the necessary guidelines within three (3) days from effectivity hereof. The beneficiary mentioned in the preceding section shall present an original or authenticated copy of the death certificate of the health worker with a certification from the handling physician that the cause of death was due to COVID-19.

SEC. 6. The Funds necessary to implement this Ordinance shall be sourced from monetary donations to the City of Manila and other available funds as certified by the City Treasurer and subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. This Ordinance shall cover deaths of health workers which occurred from the start of the declaration of public health emergency throughout the Philippines on 08 March 2020 and shall continue to be in full force and effect until a vaccine for the COVID-19 has been developed and certified by the Food and Drug Administration.


SEC. 8. Separability. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts thereof not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memoranda and Administrative Regulations or part/s thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with the provision/s of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication thereof.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on April 30, 2020.

PRESIDED BY:

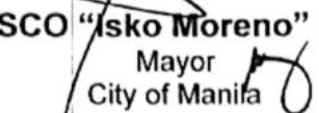

MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" MACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:

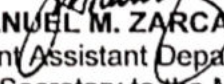

LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON

APR 30 2020


FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


MANUEL M. ZARCAL
City Government Assistant Department Head III
(Acting Secretary to the Mayor)

RNF: rrb/acl/cpl/eee