

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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Excerpt from the journal of the 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

**PRESENT:**

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor	

**OFFICIAL TRAVEL:**

Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor

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**RESOLUTION NO. 708  
Series of 2022**

**RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, HON. ALFREDO ABELARDO BANTUG BENITEZ, TO CONDUCT A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TEEN AGE PREGNANCY AND RAISE AWARENESS AS TO HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO POVERTY AND ITS OTHER NEGATIVE EFFECTS.**

Upon motion of Councilor Israel P. Salanga, jointly seconded by Councilors Em L. Ang, Cindy T. Rojas and Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

**RESOLVED**, to pass the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, last June 25, 2022 the former President Rodrigo Duterte signed an Executive Order (EO) declaring the prevention of teenage pregnancies a national priority in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, that in the said EO, it was provided that the state acknowledges that what causes teen pregnancy are "endangered patterns of discrimination, deep-seated norms and attitudes that normalize and justify violence against women and children, lack of information and education, and the vulnerability and exclusion of women and children living in remote and rural areas;



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**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Population and Development (PopCom) had called on the former President in October 2019 to declare teen pregnancy as a national emergency. Since the Coronavirus pandemic began, the PopCom has been sounding the alarm that the youth are at higher risk of unwanted pregnancies due to restrictions imposed by the government;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the PopCom recorded that 2,411 girls aged 10 to 14 gave birth, which translates to almost seven girls every day. The number tripled from the year 2000, when 755 girls from the same age group had babies;

**WHEREAS**, a November 2020 Social Weather Station survey found that teenage pregnancy is the "most important problem" that women in the Philippines faced;

**WHEREAS**, a citywide massive campaign against teenage pregnancy and raise awareness on how it contributes to poverty and its other negative effects will help prevent teenage pregnancy through educating the public on the disadvantages of being pregnant before reaching the legal age.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to respectfully urge the City Health Office through the Office of the City Mayor, Hon. Alfredo Abelardo Bantug Benitez, to conduct a massive campaign against teen age pregnancy and raise awareness as to how it contributes to poverty and its other negative effects.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative:

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : None.


Comments : Passed.

ATTESTED:

  
**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

VCP/CGT/jbz

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**EL CID M. FAMILIARAN**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer