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Excerpt from the journal of the 57th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 05, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

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RESOLUTION NO. 906
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND URGING THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF THE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION (APP) BILL, CURRENTLY REFILED AS HOUSE BILL NO. 7376, BY THE 20TH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Upon joint motion of Councilors Em L. Ang and Danna Marie C. Barzo, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, Councilors Celia Matea R. Flor and Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in his Fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. recognized the rising incidence of teenage pregnancy as one of the pressing challenges confronting Filipino children and Youth today;

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy has remained a persistent reality in Philippine society for decades, cutting across regions and communities, including here in Bacolod City;

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy often results in school dropouts, foreclosing educational attainment and future economic opportunities for young Filipinos, particularly young girls, and perpetuating cycles of poverty across generations;

WHEREAS, this urgency is witnessed firsthand at the local level every school year, as students, especially young girls, are forced to leave school due to early and unplanned pregnancy;

WHEREAS, the recognition of this issue at the highest level of government is a significant and welcome step, but recognition alone is insufficient without corresponding and immediate policy action;

WHEREAS, in the 19th Congress, the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Bill was principally authored in the House of Representatives by then Albay 1st District Representative Edcel Lagman, under House Bill No. 8910, and by Senator Risa Hontiveros in the Senate under Senate Bill No. 1979, both of which failed to hurdle final enactment before the close of that Congress;

WHEREAS, the measure has since been refiled in the 20th Congress as House Bill No. 7376, introduced by Representative Javier Miguel L. Benitez, reflecting the continuing and urgent need for this legislation;

WHEREAS, the APP Bill has been identified as a priority measure in the national legislative agenda, reflecting the urgent need for a comprehensive, evidence-based national response to this problem;

WHEREAS, the APP Bill guarantees the following critical interventions: evidence-based solutions grounded in data and proven public health approaches to prevent adolescent pregnancy; age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education and information for adolescents; access to accurate and safe reproductive health services for young people; and
social protection mechanisms for adolescent mothers, ensuring their continued access to education, health care, and economic opportunity;

WHEREAS, the passage of this measure into law will provide Local Government Units such as Bacolod City with a stronger legal and institutional framework to address teenage pregnancy through coordinated national and local action;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express its strong support for and urge the immediate passage of House Bill No. 7376, and its corresponding counterpart measure in the Senate, collectively known as the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Bill, by the 20th Congress of the Philippines;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative Javier Miguel L. Benitez, the Chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on Women, Children, and Family Relations (or their equivalent Committees), and other relevant national officials, for their information and appropriate action;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the City Mayor, the Department of Education (DepEd) Bacolod City Division, the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), and the City Health Office, for their information and guidance.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : N o n e .

Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this resolution was passed

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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