RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE “Medicare Para Sa Masa” PROGRAM UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7875 AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM SEN. RAMON B. REVILLA, JR., TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE MUNICIPALITY’S COUNTERPART PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF QUALIFIED INDIGENT FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, Section II, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other services available to all people at affordable cost. Priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children shall be recognized. Likewise, it shall be the policy of the State to provide free medical care to paupers.

WHEREAS, to implement the aforementioned constitutional provision, the Philippine Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7875, “An Act Instituting a National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and Establishing the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 277 dated 25 June 1996 issued by the Office of the President, the concerned National Government agencies particularly PhilHealth and Local Government Units (LGUs) are directed to ensure speedy implementation of the NHIP.

WHEREAS, the “Medicare Para Sa Masa” under the NHIP provides a mechanism to identify the qualified indigent families and grant them membership to NHIP through full or partial government subsidies. It will enable them access to medical services in all PhilHealth accredited providers.

WHEREAS, PhilHealth recognizes the fact that although LGUs may have expressed intention to adopt the “Medicare para sa Masa” Program, some LGUs have budget constraints in the current year for the implementation of the Program.

WHEREAS, the Body collectively agreed to adopt the National Health Insurance Program considering the beneficial features of RA 7875 as it will vastly improve the overall health status of the population and ultimately, their general quality of life.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion properly seconded, to adopt the National Health Insurance Program and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

RESOLVED THAT, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Bacoor, Province of Cavite respectfully requests the assistance of Senator Ramon B. Revilla, Jr. to donate the necessary amount as and for the municipality’s counterpart premium contribution to the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Bacoor, Province of Cavite shall cause the enactment of an ordinance allocating funds from its appropriations for health services to finance its counterpart LGU subsidy should there be insufficient of funds allocated by Senator Ramon B. Revilla, Jr., and for additional enrollment of indigent beneficiaries as warranted by the budget to ensure continuity and sustainability of the Program.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the President of the Philippines, HER EXCELLENCY GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, the President and Chief Executive Officer of PhilHealth, REY B. AQUINO, MD, and SEN. RAMON B. REVILLA, JR. for their information.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 16th day of March 2009.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true and correct.

Certified by:

HON. ROSETTE M. FERNANDO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Secretary to the Sangguniang

Certified by:

ROSETTE MIRANDA FERNANDO
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
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