RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "MEDICARE PARA SA MASA" PROGRAM UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7875 AS AMENDED BY RA 9241 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM HON. LANI REVILLA, CONGRESSWOMAN OF 2nd DISTRICT OF CAVITE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE LGU COUNTERPART PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF QUALIFIED INDIGENT FAMILIES IN THE 2nd DISTRICT OF CAVITE AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO HON. MAYOR, STRIKE REVILLA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PHILHEALTH AND CONGRESSWOMAN LANI REVILLA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAID PROGRAM.

Introduced by: Hon. Venus de Castro

Sponsored by: Councilors Avelino Solis, Reynaldo Fabian, Venus D. De Castro, Janairo San Miguel, Reynaldo Palabrica, Jaime Sapanghila, Bayani De Leon, Catherine S. Evaristo and Ma. Eliza Bautista

WHEREAS, Section II, Article XII 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 pauper;

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)" for the purpose;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 277 dated June 1995 issued by the Office of the President, the concerned National Government agencies particularly PhilHealth and the Local Government Units (LGUs) are directed to ensure speedy implementation of NHIP;

WHEREAS, the "MEDICARE PARA SA MASA" Program of NHIP provides a mechanism to identify the qualified indigent families and to 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 LGU have budget constraints in the current year for the implementation of the program;
WHEREAS, the Body considering the beneficent features of RA 7875 as it will vastly improve the overall health status of the population and ultimately their general quality of life, collectively agreed to adopt the National Health Insurance Program;

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 request and seek assistance from the Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla for the payment for the required LGU counterpart funds;

RESOLVED ALSO THAT, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Bacoor, Province of Cavite authorize the Honorable Mayor Strike Revilla to enter and sign into an agreement with Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla and the PhilHealth represented by its Officer in Charge, Assistant Vice President Edwin M. Orita, M.D., as may be warranted;

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, the Sangguniang Bayan, to ensure continuity and sustainability of the Program, shall cause the enactment of an ordinance allocating funds from its appropriations for health services to finance its counterpart LGU subsidy should there be insufficiency of funds allocated by Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla and for additional enrollment of indigent beneficiaries as warranted by the budget;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the President of the Philippines, HIS EXCELLENCY BENIGNO “NOYNOY” AQUINO III, the President and Chief Executive Officer of PhilHealth, REY B. AQUINO, M.D. and HON. REP. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA for their information.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. September 19, 2011.

I hereby certify the truth and correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

Certified by:

HON. EDWIN G. GAWARAN
Municipal Councilor/Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Municipal Mayor

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
Municipal Mayor

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