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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-275

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COLLECTIVE PROTEST AND OPPOSITION TO THE TRANSFER OF EIGHTEEN (18) COVID-19 POSITIVE WOMEN INMATES FROM THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE OF WOMEN (CIW) LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY TO THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISONS LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA AND PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD.

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WHEREAS, Section 16, of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that, **"Every Local Government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as the powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare."**;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Declaration of Policy, of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the New Local Government Code of 1991, provides that, **"It is hereby the policy of the State that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals. Toward this end, the State shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local governments structure instituted through each system of decentralization whereby local government units shall be given more powers, authority, responsibilities, and resources. The process of decentralization shall proceed from the national to the local government units"**;

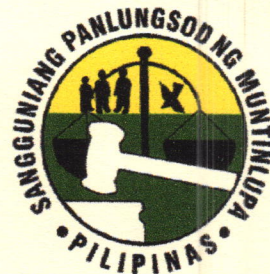
WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) of the same Code provides that, **"It is likewise the policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate local government units, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdictions"**;





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WHEREAS, Section 27 of the same Code provides that, **"No project or program shall be implemented by government authorities unless the consultations mentioned in Sections 2(c) and 26 hereof are complied with, and prior approval of the sanggunian concerned is obtained xxx"**;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) caused the transfer of **eighteen (18) Corona Virus-19 positive women inmates** from the Correctional Institute of Women (CIW) located in Mandaluyong City to the **National Bilibid Prison, Medium Security Compound, Camp Sampaguita, Muntinlupa City** on April 22, 2020;

WHEREAS, the said transfer was done **without prior consultation and coordination** with the **City Government of Muntinlupa** and without the prior approval of the **Sangguniang Panlungsod** as mandated by **Section 27** of the above-mentioned Code;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that such transfer cannot be done without the prior consultation with the City Government and the people and villages living or residing near and surrounding the Medium Security Compound, Camp Sampaguita and without the prior approval of the Sanggunian, as such transfer involves a highly contagious and infectious virus that has affected and continues to affect the health and safety of our constituents in particular and the people of Metro Manila which is the most affected area in terms of number of infected persons;

WHEREAS, such transfer compromises the safety and health of the people of Muntinlupa City, in particular the safety and health of the more than seven thousand all-male inmates of the Medium Security Compound which remains Covid-19 free as of this time;

WHEREAS, the inmates in the entire **National Bilibid Prison (NBP)** facilities have remained free of the virus as of this time and the transfer of the women inmates puts in jeopardy the condition of the thousands of inmates of the national penitentiary;

WHEREAS, based on **Section 27** of the Code, the Sanggunian must first approve such program of the Bureau of Corrections and that a public hearing should be first conducted to determine the propriety, justifications and implications of such transfer;

WHEREAS, our lone representative in Congress, **Hon. Rozzano Rufino Biazon**, has in fact written a letter addressed to the Chief Implementer, National Action Plan on Covid-19, **Hon. Carlito Galvez, Jr.**, dated **22 April 2020** and expressed his position that the said transfer is **"risky" and that prior coordination should have been done with the City Health Office which should first make a "proper evaluation" and determine if the NBP quarantine facilities are "safe and sufficient"**;

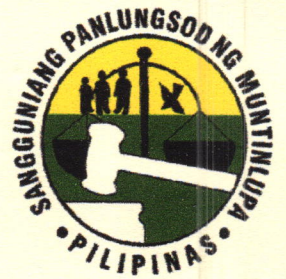
WHEREAS, Congressman **Hon. Rozzano Rufino Biazon**, recommended in his letter the transfer of the CIW women inmates to a **"more secure facility" that has the capability to handle these cases pending "evaluation of the isolation facility at NBP"**;





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**WHEREAS**, under Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as "**An Act providing policies and prescribing procedures on surveillance and response to notifiable diseases, epidemics and health events of public concern**", the **Department of Health and its local counterpart have the "statutory and regulatory authority" to enforce, among others, "establishment of public health information system, disease surveillance and response systems in private and public facilities deemed necessary to protect the health of the population"**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the 9<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, to express collective protest and opposition to the transfer of Eighteen (18) Covid-19 positive women inmates from the Correctional Institute of Women (CIW) located in Mandaluyong City to the National Bilibid Prisons located in Muntinlupa City without prior Consultation with the City Government of Muntinlupa and prior approval of the Sangguniang Panglungsod.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the **Committee on Health and Sanitation** immediately conduct a public hearing and invite the **Bureau of Corrections** and all other sectors concerned, including residents of Katarungan Village and Southville to the said hearing.

**ADOPTED**, by the 9<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, this **23<sup>rd</sup>** day of **April, 2020**, on its **5<sup>th</sup> Special Session**.

**CONCURRED:**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

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