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**RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING 2022 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEE
DR. BERNADETTE J. MADRID**

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2022, pediatrician and children's rights advocate Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid, was named one of the four (4) recipients of the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Award, which recognizes "greatness of spirit shown through selfless service to the peoples of Asia";

WHEREAS, Dr. Madrid is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, and Director of the University of the Philippines (UP) Manila - Philippine General Hospital (PGH)'s Child Protection Unit (CPU) since its establishment in 1997;

WHEREAS, the PGH-CPU provides for social, legal, and medical health services for abused kids and their families, has been the central agency for child protection units in the country, and has served over 27, 639 Filipino children at the end of 2021¹;

WHEREAS, Dr. Madrid is the Executive Director of the Child Protection Network (CPN) Foundation, Inc, a non-governmental organization (NGO) that supports the training of Child Protection Professionals, aiming to have at least one Child Protection Unit or Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) in every province of the Philippines²;

WHEREAS, formed with UP Manila, PGH-CPU, CPN, the Department of Health (DOH) and local government units, Dr. Madrid also oversees the Network of WCPUs, coordinating 237 physicians, 199 social workers and 85 police officers for child safety and legal protection³;

WHEREAS, the network has 123 WCPUs across the country, providing services to over 119,695 children and teenagers, as well as 30,912 women⁴;

WHEREAS, Dr. Madrid was also named as the 2021 Most Outstanding Pediatrician by the Philippine Pediatric Society, and received the 2012 Outstanding Service Award on Child Protective Services from the National Children's Advocacy Center USA;

¹ <https://alum.up.edu.ph/bernadette-madrid-filipino-pediatrician-among-2022-ramon-magsaysay-awardees/>

² <https://www.childprotectionnetwork.org/executive-directors-message/>

³ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2022/08/31/2206430/childrens-rights-advocate-bernadette-madrid-named-ramon-magsaysay-awardees>



⁴ Ibid.

WHEREAS, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation cited Dr. Madrid for her unassuming and steadfast commitment to a noble and demanding advocacy, her leadership in running a multisectoral, multidisciplinary effort in child protection that is admired in Asia, and her competence and compassion in devoting herself to seeing that every abused child lives in a healing, and nurturing society⁵;

WHEREAS, Dr. Madrid's work as a doctor, educator, researcher, social leader, organizer, advocate, and as a stalwart champion of every Filipino child, is deserving of Asia's premier prize and highest honor;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend and congratulate 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Bernadette Madrid.

Adopted,


RISA HONTIVEROS
Senator 

⁵ <https://rmaward.asia/news-and-events/2022-ramon-magsaysay-awardees-announced>