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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 362
February 19, 2004

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MONUMENT TO COMMEMORATE ALL VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARTIAL LAW PERIOD; DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10 OF EACH YEAR AS COMMEMORATION DAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, Martial Law was imposed in the country from 1972 to 1984 by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos;

WHEREAS, on said period countless victims suffered illegal arrest; arbitrary detention; involuntary disappearance, confiscation of property and summary executions, all contrary to the basic tenets of due process and rule of law;

WHEREAS, said dark period in Philippines history should never be repeated in any form, manner or degree;

WHEREAS, a monument to remember and commemorate all victims of human rights violations during the Martial Law period will remind all Filipinos, particularly the constituents of Bacolod, never to forget the sacrifices of these unknown and faceless people and to learn from as well as urge everyone never to allow such to be replicated;

WHEREAS, December 10 is known as the "International Human Rights Day" and a commemoration of all victims of Human Rights on said day is most appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in regular session assembled that

Section 1. - Name: This ordinance shall be known as "Ordinance to Commemorate Victims of Martial Law".

Section 2. - Establishment of a Commemorative Monument:

There shall be established in a portion lot within the Bacolod Public Plaza, a monument to commemorate all victims of Martial Law, the design of which shall be subject of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the person, group, institution or corporate body submitting said design;

The Memorandum of Agreement shall be signed by the City Mayor and ratified by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Section 3. - Commemoration Day: The City shall observe December 10 of each year as Commemoration Day and shall accordingly hold an appropriate activity to be directed by the Office of the City Mayor and the Committee on Human Rights of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Section 4. - Submission of Designs: Any individual, group, institution or corporate body, may submit a design depicting the victims of Martial Law period or any event closely resembling the same, within 30 days from the passage of this Ordinance, to the Office of the City Mayor.

A Memorandum of Agreement will then be executed for the mutual benefit of parties.

Section 5. - Funding: There shall be appropriated the amount of P100,000.00, out of any unappropriated funds available in the City Treasury, for this purpose.

Section 6. - Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Archie S. Baribar, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Celia Matea R. Flor, Jose H. Gabuat, Lyndon P. Cana, Elmer T. Sy, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa.

Negative : None.

Author : Acting Vice Mayor Archie S. Baribar

Absent : None

Official Leave : Vice Mayor Ramiro L. Garcia, Jr.

Passed : February 19, 2004 (135th Regular Session)

Comments: Passed.
Councilor Arturo V. Parreño was out of the Session Hall when this ordinance was passed.

ROBERTO M. ROJAS
Acting Presiding Officer

TESTED:

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: March 2, 2004

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor

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