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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Ng Bacolod

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 438
May 10, 2007

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES BY DECLARING THE WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 13 TO 19, 2007 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS SOCIAL WORK WEEK IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE OBSERVANCE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the strong presence of social values and principles in our global community has strengthened the social work practice, as embraced by the profession internationally and reflected in the humanitarian efforts that the world has initiated;

WHEREAS, social work's core values include a commitment to social justice, equity and humanitarianism that recognizes that physical, emotional, and social well-being are required as basic human rights for one to live in a fair and just society;

WHEREAS, social workers perform an important role in the community and must be commended for their dedicated work and given an opportunity to celebrate the profession's knowledge, skills, and values, and for their contribution to the society;

WHEREAS, social workers must constantly renew their commitment to act towards and advocate fairness as a means to promote their well-being in order to better enable them to influence the well-being of others;

WHEREAS, Bacolod City, in 1974, was the first city outside of Metro Manila to establish it's local DSSD office;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 4373 was passed on June 19, 1965 regulating the practice of social work and the operation of social welfare agencies which resulted to the improvement of social work practice standards, development of more relevant educational curricula and effective delivery of social welfare programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod in session assembled, that,

Article 1.- Declaration of Social Work Week. The week starting June 13 to 19, 2007 and every year thereafter shall be declared as Social Work Week in the City of Bacolod.

Article 2.- Office. The Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) Bacolod shall be the lead agency in spearheading the observance of said week in Bacolod City subject to the approval of the City Mayor. The said office shall recommend activities to promote social work values and recognize the contribution of social workers in the delivery of social services of the City of Bacolod, such as but not limited to trainings, seminars, fora and socio-cultural and recreational activities.

Article 3.- Participation. Various sectors such as the schools offering social work courses, media, barangays, non-government organizations (NGO's) and people's organizations (PO's) shall be encouraged to participate in the activities for the week, especially the Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI) and international partners.

Article 4.- Theme. A special committee to be assembled by the City Mayor upon the recommendation and initiation of the local DSWD office shall formulate an annual theme for every year at least a month before the observance, which shall be publicly disseminated.

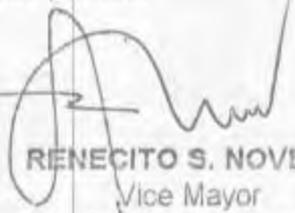
Article 5.- Funding. This Ordinance shall require an annual funding of at least Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) subject to increase and shall be part of the city's development plan to be funded from the twenty percent (20%) Annual Investment Plan (AIP) of the city, which shall be considered as funds for gender-related projects.

Article 6.- Separability Clause. Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared ultra vires or unconstitutional by competent authority, the remainder not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect insofar as it is susceptible to enforcement and application.

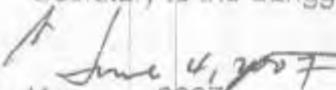
Article 7. - Effectivity.- This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:	
Councillors:	Greg G. Gasataya, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Lyndon P. Cafia, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Homer Q. Bais, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Napoleon A. Cordova, Al Victor A. Espino.
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Official Leave:	Councilor Dindo C. Ramos Councilor Catalino T. Alisbo Councilor Arturo V. Parreño Councilor Marx Louie S. De la Rosa.
Passed:	May 10, 2007 (149 th Regular Session)
Comment:	Passed. Councilors Elmer T. Sy and Reynold I. Iledan were not around when this Ordinance was passed.


RENEQUITO S. NOVERO
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED 
ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:  May 10, 2007


EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

