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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Ng Bacolod
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 449
October 24, 2007

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING DECEMBER 1 TO 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS – PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (NGO-PO) WEEK IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD.

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation", and Section 14, Article X, provides that "the President shall provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region";

WHEREAS, the important role of NGO's and PO's in local governance is recognized under the Local Government Code of 1991 which calls for their participation as members of local special bodies, partners with the government in joint ventures and development projects; and participants and sectoral representatives in local legislative bodies;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacolod, recognizes the vital role and contribution of NGO's and PO's in the socio-economic development of the City of Bacolod;

WHEREAS, the NGO's and PO's in the City of Bacolod undertake diverse concerns to assist in the basic functions of the local government such as taking care of less fortunate families, and disadvantaged and marginalized individuals, promoting economic development, environmental protection, civic consciousness, mental and physical health and fitness or in general the total-well-being of every citizen, thereby contributing greatly to the general welfare and social justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in session assembled, that:

Section 1.- December 1 to 7 of every year is hereby declared as NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS – PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (NGO-PO) WEEK in the City of Bacolod

Section 2.- Every year, the City Mayor, as honorary chair of the observance of the week shall request by way of an Executive Order, a department head or a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to serve as executive chair and one particular NGO or PO duly-accredited by the City to co-chair the committee for the said observance. Other sub-committees and special committees may be formed.

Section 3.- Every year, the committee so created by the City Mayor, shall select a theme for the observance of the week including the activities to be held during said week.

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Section 4.- This Ordinance shall require an annual funding of at least Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) subject to increase and shall be part of the city's development plan to be funded from the Twenty (20) percent Annual Investment Plan (AIP) of the city, which shall be considered as funds for gender-related projects

Section 5.- Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared ultra vires 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

Section 6.- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and the same be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Bacolod City Hall.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : Greg G. Gasataya, Homer Q. Bais, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Celia Matea R. Flor, Catalino T. Alisbo, Alex A. Paglumotan, Reynold I. Iledan, Arturo V. Parreño.

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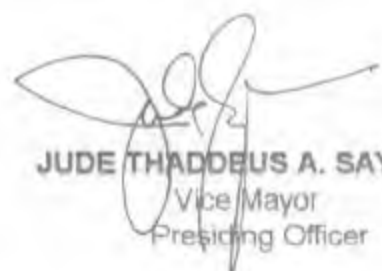
Negative : None.

Official Leave : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos
Councilor Napoleon A. Cordova
Councilor Marx Louie S. De la Rosa

Absent : Councilor Al Victor A. Espino

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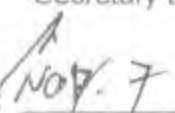
Comment : Passed.
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas was not yet around when this ordinance was passed.



JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:  **NOV. 7, 2007**


EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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