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**LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**  
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1042**  
**June 29, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE “BE THE CHANGE” PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS**, People aspire for change in governance and each citizen has a part and a responsibility to play in promoting the common good in service to the community;

**WHEREAS**, the obligation of creating an ideal and aspirational City where we all want to live in rests not only with the government but with its citizens as well;

**WHEREAS**, the growing movement for governments to engage with citizens and civil society is also being propelled by emerging evidence that citizen engagement improves development outcomes, reduces poverty, and encourages peace by promoting social inclusion;

**WHEREAS**, Bacolod City recognizes the need to instill positive qualities in all aspects of human endeavor to fulfill its vision of a clean, healthy, resilient, orderly, and peaceful city with a vibrant economy, balanced environment, enduring and lively culture, and safe settlements, under the leadership of good governance champions in partnership with God-loving, family-oriented, child- friendly and globally competitive Bacolodnons;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Bacolod also recognizes the contribution of its people in upholding the values of good citizenship and finds it appropriate to honor the everyday heroes exemplifying extraordinary acts;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BACOLOD CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

**Section 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as “**BE THE CHANGE ORDINANCE**”

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** The State has the duty to safeguard and assure the dignity of its people as individuals and as members of communities and ensure their capacity for self-development.

**Section 3. “Be the Change Program”.** The Program shall have the following objectives:

- a. To promote positive change in every sector of our society through the efficiency, honesty and dignity of its officials and employees and through the involvement of the citizenry in the promotion of discipline, cooperation and respect for one another.
- b. To create a community of individuals dedicated to actively practice good acts, resulting in a community where citizens are caring for one another, families are healthy and united, faith-based organizations are compassionate, education is effective, business is successful, government is serving the citizens and homes and streets are safe.

- c. To identify and build more positive role models who demonstrated positive acts, inspiring others to do the same and fostering a community culture where doing good acts is encouraged and commended.

**Section 4. Be the Change Award** - a recognition bestowed upon individuals who have made a profound impact on our City through their acts of kindness, unwavering commitment, and exceptional service.

**Section 5. Criteria for Awarding** - The following criteria will be used to identify awardees:

- a) **Active Citizenship** - taking an active and participatory role in their communities, societies, and democratic processes. It involves being informed, engaged, and contributing to the betterment of society through various forms of civic involvement, such as volunteering, advocacy, community organizing, and political participation.
- b) **Impact** - Consider the magnitude and significance of the good deed in terms of its positive impact on individuals, the community, or society at large
- c) **Overcoming Challenges** - Consider the obstacles and difficulties faced by the individual in carrying out the good deed. Recognize resilience, determination, and the ability to overcome challenges in the pursuit of positive change.
- d) **Voluntary Contribution** - Give preference to individuals who have voluntarily chosen to engage in the good deed. Recognize the selflessness and genuine commitment to making a positive difference.
- e) **Inspiring Story** - Take into account the narrative and personal story behind the good deed. Consider the individual's motivation, dedication, and the transformative journey they have undergone in their acts of kindness

The Special Awards and Recognition Committee can further develop the aforementioned criteria.

**Section 6. Creation of Special Awards and Recognition Committee**

The Special Awards and Recognition Committee is hereby created and is responsible for organizing the search and award of meritorious citizens who have embodied extraordinary acts of heroism worthy of emulation.

**Section 7. Functions of the Special Awards and Recognition Committee**

1. Identify areas or categories, if applicable, that distinctly characterizes the extraordinary acts of good citizenship considered as heroic acts.
2. Develop the criteria and procedures for nominating persons, the submission and review process, the scoring and the recognition process including receiving and review of the materials submitted.

3. Recommend the type of award to be given to the honoree/s.
4. Submit the proposed budget to execute the award.
5. Prepare and submit committee reports/proposals to the Chairperson for consideration and approval.
6. Prepare and be in-charge of the awarding ceremony for the special occasion.
7. Carry out other tasks considered necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the award.

**Section 8.** Composition of the Committee. The Special Awards and Recognition Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	: City Mayor
Vice Chairperson	: City Human Resource Office
Members	: (2) Socio-Civic Organizations Youth Representative PWD Representative Bacolod City Public Information Office
Secretariat	Bacolod City Public Information Office

**Section 9. Appropriations.** The funding for this program will come from the City Mayor's Office. Any sum not utilized shall be carried over to the next fiscal year. In case the appropriated amount is not sufficient, the additional appropriation shall be included in any succeeding supplemental budget.

**Section 10. Separability Clause.** — If any provision or part of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 11. Repealing Clause.** — Any Ordinance in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacolod, executive order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

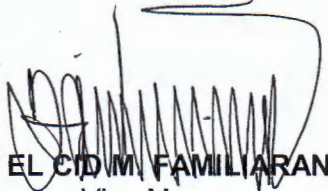
**Section 12. Effectivity.** — This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:


Affirmative:

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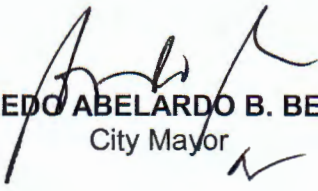
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Comments : P a s s e d .

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Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: July 04, 2023.

  
ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ  
City Mayor

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