

DRAFT ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL CANCER CONSCIOUSNESS PROGRAM IN ALL BARANGAYS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11215, also known as the "National Integrated Cancer Control Act," institutionalizes a National Integrated Cancer Control Program and appropriates funds for it, and Article II Section 15 of the Act provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.";

WHEREAS, the Proclamation No. 1348 "Declaring the period from January 20 to 26, 1975, and the Third Week of January of every year thereafter, as "National Cancer Consciousness Week.";

WHEREAS, cancer patients can now expect better access to more responsive and affordable healthcare services with the signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11215, otherwise known as the National Integrated Cancer Control Act (NICCA), signed into law last February 14 to ensure the provision of quality health services and financial risk protection of cancer patients;

WHEREAS, the program shall include modules on prevention, detection and treatments of Cancer, health education seminars, cancer survivorship and cancer awareness;

WHEREAS, cancer is one of the leading causes of mortality in the Philippines and poses a significant health concern for the residents of Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, early detection and awareness are crucial in the fight against cancer disease, significantly improving the chances of successful treatment and survival;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao recognizes the importance of educating and empowering the grassroots level of the community, which is the Barangay, through awareness campaigns, health education, and regular screening programs;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Government to promote the health and well-being of its constituents by providing necessary programs and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Ninth City Council in session assembled to enact the following:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the " **THE NATIONAL CANCER CONSCIOUSNESS PROGRAM IN ALL BARANGAYS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY.**"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the City Government of Tuguegarao to promote public health and safety through comprehensive cancer consciousness program, education, and screening programs in the grassroots level of the community, which is the Barangay.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS. The legal basis of this Ordinance is as follows:

- a. Republic Act No. 11215, also known as the "National Integrated Cancer Control Act";
- b. Proclamation No. 1348 "Declaring the period from January 20 to 26, 1975, and the Third Week of January of every year thereafter, as "National Cancer Consciousness Week";
- c. Republic Act No. 11215, otherwise known as the National Integrated Cancer Control Act (NICCA);

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES. The objectives of this Ordinance are:

- a. To institutionalize the National Cancer Consciousness Program in the month of January every year in all barangays of Tuguegarao City.
- b. To educate the community about cancer disease, its risk factors, symptoms, and the importance of early detection.
- c. To provide accessible and regular cancer screening and check-up services.
- d. To support individuals undergoing treatment for cancer disease through counseling and support groups.

SECTION 5. DEFENITION OF TERMS.

- a. **Awareness** — knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

- b. **Cancer** — a disease in which some of the body's cells grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body.
- c. **Consciousness** — aware of one's own existence, sensations, thoughts, surroundings, etc.
- d. **Healthcare Services** — services provided by a health care professional or by any individual working under the supervision of a health care professional that relate to the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any human disease or impairment or the assessment or care of the health of human beings.
- e. **National Cancer Consciousness Program** — to raise awareness about the impacts of cancer disease. This focuses on the avoidance of exposure to the risk factors of chronic diseases namely: physical inactivity, improper diet and nutrition, smoking and use of alcohol. Early detection through screening of high risks individual is the primary concern to halt the progress of the disease. Synchronization of efforts towards the prevention and control is done by both public and private institution and organizations.
- f. **Self-Examination** — a self-inspection or screening technique performed by oneself.
- g. **Prevention** — the action of stopping something from happening or arising.

SECTION 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANCER CONSCIOUSNESS PROGRAM. The City Government of Tuguegarao shall institutionalize a comprehensive Cancer Consciousness Program in all barangays of Tuguegarao City.

SECTION 7. DAY OF ACTION FOR CANCER CONSCIOUSNESS PROGRAM. The respective barangays shall designate a day in the month January every year to conduct the National Cancer Consciousness Program. This program will include talks from healthcare professionals such as oncologists and nutritionists, as well as representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Social Security System (SSS), and other health-affiliated organizations within the City Government.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTIVITIES. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

- a. **Cancer Screening and Check-ups:** Organize free or subsidized screening events targeting family with a history of cancer disease.
- b. **Counseling and Support Groups:** Establish support systems for individuals undergoing treatment for cancer disease.
- c. **Distribution of Educational Materials:** Provide pamphlets, brochures, and posters throughout the barangays.
- d. **Regular Seminars and Workshops:** Conducted in collaboration with local health professionals, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders.
- e. **Self-Examination:** To encourage the regular practice of Self-Examination as a preventive health measure, promoting consistent self-monitoring.

These activities aim to promote awareness and organize information campaigns about cancer. Coordinated activities at both the City and Barangay levels shall be organized and spearheaded by the City Health Office, DOH, and other health-affiliated organizations within the City Government to arouse public awareness on the dangers of this dreaded disease and on cancer prevention and control.

SECTION 9. CANCER CONSCIOUSNESS COMMITTEE. A Cancer Consciousness Committee shall be established, composed of the following members, to oversee the implementation and monitoring of the program:

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| Chair: | City Mayor |
| Vice Chair: | Chair, Comm. on Health and Sanitation |
| Co-Vice Chair: | Chief, City Health Office or Representative |
| Members: | Chief, Tuguegarao City Peoples General Hospital (TCPGH) or Representative |
| | Chief, Department of Health (DOH) or Representative |
| | Chief, Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) or Representative |
| | ABC President |
| | Barangay Health Workers Federation President |
| | Sanguniang Kabataan Federation President |
| | Advocacy Group/ Support Group |

SECTION 10. FUNDING - The necessary funds for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be allocated from the annual budget per barangays. Additional funding may be sought from external sources, including government agencies and Civil Society Organization.

SECTION 11. MONITORING AND EVALUATION - The City Health Office shall monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program and submit regular reports to the Office of the City Mayor.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainders of the ordinance not otherwise declared so shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, rules and regulations, executive orders and portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.