



AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH IN TUGUEGARAO CITY FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

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WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the Constitution provides that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in the nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the signatories of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) that recognizes the basic fundamental rights of children to :

- Life, survival and development
- Protection from violence, abuse or neglect
- An education that enables children to fulfil their potential
- Be raised by, or have a relationship with, their parents
- Express their opinions and be listened to.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10661 declares the month of November of every year as "*National Children's Month*" or also known as "*Buwan ng mga Bata*" which commemorates the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989 and seeks to instil its significance in the Filipino consciousness;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of RA 10661 states that the observance of National Children's Month, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the National Youth Commission (NYC) and the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) as lead agencies in coordination with the department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations in the discharge of the tasks under RA 10661;

WHEREAS, children are the future of the generations to come and their survival, development, protection and participation rights are the foremost concern of the City for their total growth and development;

WHEREAS, the designation of a month to commemorate the Filipino children will emphasize the importance of the role of the child within the Filipino family and within the Philippine society.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao City is convinced that there is a need to emphasize and remind all sectors of the community of the important role of children in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 9th CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Tuguegarao City Children's Month Celebration".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is a declared policy of the Tuguegarao City government to raise the consciousness of every constituent of Tuguegarao City about children's rights. Accordingly, a month long awareness and celebration should be dedicated and devoted to children.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. The month long celebration aims to:

- a. Promote and protect the rights of every child to survival, development, protection and participation in every aspect of his/her lives;
- b. Raise awareness on the prevailing issues and problems of the children in their family, school and community;
- c. Strengthen and encourage the participation of all sectors of the city of the programs, projects and activities of the government related to children's welfare and development;
- d. Establish a sustainable mechanism that will ensure the continuity of the programs, projects and activities for benefit of the children of Tuguegarao;
- e. Instil the significance to fellow Tuguegaranos the role of children in the economic and social growth of the country;

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- a. Children – refer to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of physical or mental ability or condition. The word minors is also used to refer to this group.
- b. Republic Act No. 10661 – also known as An Act Declaring November of Every Year as National Children's Month
- c. Tuguegarao City Children's Month Celebration – refers to the whole month of November of every year and thereafter to be dedicated in celebrating the children of Tuguegarao City pursuant to Republic Act 10661.

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF TUGUEGARAO CITY CHILDREN'S MONTH.

- a. The City Mayor shall annually create a Committee on the Celebration of the Children's Month and thereafter;
- b. The City Social Welfare Office shall prepare a yearly plan for the programs, projects and activities for the celebration of the children's month not later than June 30 of every year and thereafter. Such programs, projects and activities shall be approved by the Local Chief Executive;
- c. The cooperation and support of the schools under the Schools Division of Tuguegarao City and the forty nine (49) barangays is required for the celebration of the Children's Month.
- d. Activities shall include, but not limited, to the following:
 1. Parade
 2. Medical mission for children
 3. Educational lecture and workshop on nutrition policies for children
 4. Seminar on Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health
 5. Seminar on Children's Mental Health
 6. Conference on Parenting in the Digital Age
 7. Children in emergencies' Learning Session
 8. Child Protection Policy Orientation
 9. Child Abuse Prevention Program
 10. Self defense Workshop for Children
 11. Symposium on the impact of Violence on the Health and Nutritional Status among children
 12. Social Median Campaign on rights and privileges of Children
 13. others

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. The Office of the City Mayor and City Social Welfare and Development Office shall implement the programs, projects and activities relative to this Ordinance and may invite the cooperation of Civil Society Organizations and Stakeholders for this purpose.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The Office of the City Mayor and the City Social Welfare Office shall formulate the necessary guidelines and administrative procedures for the effective implementation of the Ordinance.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS. To carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, funds shall be appropriated and included in the Annual Budget in the Office of the City Social Welfare.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval, subject to the compliance of all requirements provided for by the law.