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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 63 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 34-2018 TITLED "AN ORDINANCE REVISING ORDINANCE NO.13-2000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TUGUEGARAO CITY CHILD YOUTH WELFARE CODE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH IN TUGUEGARAO CITY IN 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 in 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**, Proclamation No. 74 Declaring the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October of every year as National Children's Day and Proclamation No. 267 Declaring the month of October of every year as National Children's Month have been repealed by Republic Act No. 10661, hence, there is a need to amend Section 63 of City Ordinance No.34-2018;

**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 give special attention to the Filipino children will emphasize the importance of the role of the child within the Filipino family and within the Philippine society;

**WHEREAS**, the Tuguegarao City Government 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 shall be dedicated and devoted to children.

**SECTION 3.** Section 63 of City Ordinance 34-2018 Titled An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 01-2006 titled "An Ordinance Revising Ordinance No.13-2000, otherwise known as the Tuguegarao City Child Youth Welfare Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 63. Tuguegarao City Children's Month Celebration. The Tuguegarao City Government shall celebrate the Children's Month Celebration in November of every year with the following administrative provisions:

## A. OBJECTIVES. The month-long celebration aims to:

- 1. Promote and protect the rights of every child to survival, development, protection and participation in every aspect of his/her lives;
- 2. Raise awareness on the prevailing issues and problems of the children in their family, school and community;
- 3. 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;
- 4. Establish a sustainable mechanism that will ensure the continuity of the programs, projects and activities for benefit of the children of Tuguegarao;
- 5. Instil the significance to fellow Tuguegaraños the role of children in the economic and social growth of the country;
- **B. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following terms used in this Section shall mean as follows:
- 1. Republic Act No. 10661 also known as An Act Declaring November of Every Year as National Children's Month
- 2. Tuguegarao City Children's Month Celebration refers to the whole month of November of every year and thereafter to be dedicated in recognizing the children of Tuguegarao City pursuant to Republic Act 10661.

## C. GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE TUGUEGARAO CITY CHILDREN'S MONTH.

- 1. The City Mayor shall annually create a Committee on the Celebration of the Children's Month and thereafter;
- 2. 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

- 3. June 30 of every year and thereafter. Such programs, projects and activities shall be approved by the Local Chief Executive;
- 4. 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.
- 5. Activities shall include, but not limited, to the following:

Parade

Medical mission for children

Educational lecture and workshop on nutrition policies for children

Seminar on Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health

Seminar on Children's Mental Health

Conference on Parenting in the Digital Age

Children in emergencies' Learning Session

Child Protection Policy Orientation

Child Abuse Prevention Program

Self defense Workshop for Children

Symposium on the impact of Violence on the Health and Nutritional

Status among children

Social Media Campaign on rights and privileges of Children

And others

- **D. 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.
- **E.** . **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.
- **F. 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 4. REPEALING CLAUSE**. All existing ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon the upholding of its validity by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the eventual fifteen days (15) publication thereafter.