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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-140

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM BY DESIGNATING AT LEAST ONE (1) BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR (BNS) PER BARANGAY APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall preserve and promote the people's right to health and create health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 491 or the Nutrition Act of the Philippines states that, **"The Government of the Philippines hereby declares that nutrition is now a priority of the government to be implemented by all branches of the government in an integrated fashion;"**

WHEREAS, Section 10 of **Presidential Decree No. 1569** or a decree **Strengthening The Barangay Nutrition Program By Providing For A Barangay Nutrition Scholar In Every Barangay, Providing Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes, mandated the** City Mayor to be responsible for the program throughout the city, of an amount sufficient to support this program;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates Local Government Units (LGUs) to exercise their powers and discharge their functions as are necessary and appropriate for the effective provision of basic services including child welfare and nutrition services;

WHEREAS, the BNS Program is one of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition's human resource development strategies. In order to further strengthen the BNS Program in the City, it is appropriate and timely to promulgate a comprehensive local policy through legislation beneficial to Barangay Nutrition Scholars in order to motivate them to sustain and, if necessary, improve their valuable performances and services in implementing the Muntinlupa City Nutrition Action Plan;

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WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa employed under its supervision, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, assigned and deployed in the nine (9) barangays of the city pursuant to its 7K agenda particularly, Kalusugan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the 10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, in Session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. — This Ordinance shall be known as ***"Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) Ordinance of Muntinlupa City ".***

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. ***Barangay Nutrition Program (BNP)*** — a program which aims to reduce prevalence rate of malnutrition and is to be implemented to address the malnutrition problem that afflicts the vulnerable groups particularly preschool, school children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and other contributory factors that affects the health and nutrition condition of the community as whole.

b. ***Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP)*** — it is a three-year plan that contains the objectives to address the priority nutrition issue prevalent in the barangay;

c. ***Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC)*** — it is composed of various organizations that were established with the goal of improving nutritional outcomes through developing a favorable policy on health and nutrition;

d. ***Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS)*** —a barangay based volunteer worker responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the barangay;

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS AND RECRUITMENT STANDARDS - The Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall possess the following qualifications:

a. ***Bona fide resident of the barangay for at least four (4) years;***

b. ***Possess leadership potential and the initiative and willingness to serve the barangay for at least one (1) year;***

c. ***Willingness to learn, and to teach what he/she has learned to the people of the barangay;***

d. ***At least high school graduate;***

e. ***Physically and mentally fit;***

f. ***At least eighteen (18) but not more than 65 years old; and***

g. ***Willing to report to the health center for the agreed number of hours;***

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Upon meeting the above qualifications, the BNS shall undergo all the modules of the BNS Basic Course and Practicum Program as provided for by the National Nutrition Council, and as managed by the local training team led by the City Nutrition Action Officer. A certificate of completion shall be issued by the City Health Office.

SECTION 4. TERM OF APPOINTMENT. The appointed BNS shall be co-terminus with the Punongbarangay unless the Punong Barangay issues a re-appointment with the concurrence of the Sangguniang Barangay. Removal shall only be done with cause according to the health, physical, and mental capacity to perform the services and internal discipline of the organization.

SECTION 5. DUTIES. The BNS shall have the following functions:

a. To undergo the required didactic and practicum training as required by law;

b. locates and identifies malnourished children through a community survey referred to as the Operation Timbang Plus;

c. Based on the results of the annual OPT Plus activity, the BNS weighs monthly all undernourished pre-schoolers;

d. Monitors the growth of all 0-23 month-old children to evaluate if the children are reaching their growth targets according to the accepted child growth standard;

e. Performs quarterly follow-up weighing of children, 24-59 months old, to monitor any growth faltering and determine any need for counselling of parents and/or care givers or referral to appropriate service providers.

f. engages the community to action by organizing families into clusters or into community-based organizations working and helping the barangay to improve the nutrition situation among the vulnerable;

g. With the barangay masterlist of wasted, stunted, under- and overweight children, pregnant and lactating mothers, the BNS links the people needing nutrition intervention and the barangay service providers

h. Performs other functions as may be provided by ordinance, law and other CNC mandated policies;

SECTION 6. BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES. - Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1569, the barangay nutrition scholar shall be granted a civil service eligibility equivalent to second grade after the completion of at least two years of continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay. The City Health Department shall certify and issue a certification stating the completion of at least two years of continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay.

The BNS shall also be entitled to a training stipend, kit and travel allowance, and in addition thereto, such other allowances that the barangay and the City may grant upon approval of the City Mayor, subject to availability funds.

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SECTION 7. BARANGAY SUPPORT. - All barangays are encouraged to support the institutionalization and implementation of this Ordinance through the adoption of its Barangay Nutrition Program, organization and strengthening of the Barangay Nutrition Committees, strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program and compliance to the formulation of Barangay Nutrition Action Plan, among others.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Muntinlupa City Health Office (CHO), in coordination with the Liga ng Barangay, shall be responsible for issuing the guidelines and policies necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance. Provided that, other provisions of this Ordinance not requiring additional implementing guidelines or policies shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, resolutions, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If or any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, by the ***10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa*** this **11th** day of **December 2023,** on its **74th Regular Session**.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing **Ordinance.**

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