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PRESENT:

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ALL PRESENT

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 328

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ADOLESCENCE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Authored By: Hon. Atty. Ana Marie V. Pagsibigan

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Bulakan in Session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Ordinance shall be known as the *"Adolescence Health and Development Ordinance of the Municipality of Bulakan."*

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The Municipal Government recognizes that:

(a) Adolescence is one of the most rapid and formative phases of human development, and the distinctive physical, cognitive, social, emotional and sexual development that takes place during adolescence demands special attention in development policies, programmes and plans. This acknowledges not only the unique health challenges facing young people, but also their pivotal role alongside women and children as key drivers of change.

(b) Every adolescent should be able to access a core package of health services, including basic essential health care, pregnancy, delivery and postnatal care; diagnosis and management of sexually-transmitted infections, including HIV.

(c) The principle of non-discrimination seeks to guarantee that human rights are exercised without discrimination of any kind based on race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other

status such as disability, age, marital and family status, sexual orientation and gender identity, health status, place of residence, economic and social situation.

SECTION 3. *Rights of Adolescents.* – The Municipal Government recognizes the following rights of adolescents:

- (a) Right to health and development
- (b) Right to non-discrimination
- (c) Right to express views freely and have them duly taken into account
- (d) Right to access information and material
- (e) Right to privacy and confidentiality
- (f) Protection from all forms of abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation
- (g) Right to quality education
- (h) Protection from early marriage and pregnancy
- (i) Protection from violence
- (j) Right to gender expression

SECTION 4. *Responsibilities of Adolescents.* - Along with their rights, adolescents have their corresponding responsibilities.

(a) If every child has rights, then they also have a responsibility to respect the rights of others, including other children and their parents.

(b) If all children have a right to be protected from conflict, cruelty, exploitation and neglect, then they also have the responsibility not to bully or harm other children.

(c) If all children have the right to a clean environment, then they also have a responsibility to help look after their environment.

(d) If all children have a right to be educated, then they should learn as much as they are able to and, if possible, share their knowledge with others.

(e) If all children have a right to a full life, then they should also help ensure that the needy, the disadvantaged and victims of discrimination also enjoy this right.

SECTION 5. *Duties of the Municipal Government.* - The Municipal Government shall:

(a) Conduct education on fertility, responsible sexuality and health development including health lifestyle through education or outreach activity for young people ages 10-19.

(b) Educate parents on fertility, sexuality and reproductive health and mobilize them for the provision of information to young people, and;

(c) To provide basic adolescent health care services and counseling.

(d) Direct the Rural Health Units to design, implement and monitor the local Adolescent Health and Development programs suited for the adolescents within the Municipality of Bulakan, in partnership with the adolescents, government agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sectors, under the technical guidance of DOH Region III Office.

(e) Direct the Rural Health Units to design specific strategies to reach marginalized and vulnerable adolescent sub-sectors. They shall ensure meaningful participation of adolescents and communities in this process.

SECTION 6. *Duties of the Municipal Health Office and Rural Health Units.* --

(a) Serve as the focal point for overall planning, management, monitoring, and evaluation of the AHDP.

(b) Provide technical leadership in all matters pertaining the AHD.

(c) Advocate for adolescent health and development in national and local public forums.

(d) Ensure meaningful participation of adolescents at all stages of the program cycle.

(e) Create, strengthen, and maintain inter-agency links and public-private partnerships.

(f) Develop an appropriate Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education curriculum with the Municipal Social Welfare Department, the Municipal School Board, and the Municipal PESO Office.

(g) Provide parents with adequate and relevant scientific material on the age-appropriate topic and manner of teaching Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education to their children.

(h) Provide age-disaggregated data necessary to for monitoring and evaluation of results of the AHDP.

(i) Provide technical assistance and guideline in matters pertaining to STI and HIV and AIDS and services for Young Key Affected Populations.

SECTION 7. *Access of Minors to Family Planning Services.* - Any minor who consults at health care facilities shall be given age-appropriate counseling on responsible parenthood and reproductive health. Health care facilities shall dispense health products and perform procedures for family planning: *Provided, That* in public health facilities, any of the following conditions are met:

(a) The minor presents written consent from a parent or guardian; or

(b) The minor has had a previous pregnancy or is already a parent as proven by any one of the following circumstances, among others:

1. Written documentation from a skilled health professional;
2. Documentation through ancillary examinations such as ultrasound;
3. Written manifestation from a guardian, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer, a local government official or a local health volunteer, or
4. Accompanied personally by a parent, grandparent, or guardian.

Provided further, That consent shall not be required in the case of abused or exploited minors, where the parent or the person exercising parental authority is the respondent, accused, or convicted perpetrator as certified by the Office of the Prosecutor's Office or the Court;

Provided further, That in the absence of any parent or legal guardian, written consent shall be obtained only for elective surgical procedures for grandparents, and in their default the oldest brother or sister who is at least 18 years of age or the relative who has the actual custody of the child, or authorized representatives of children's' homes, orphanages, and similar institutions duly accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or by the proper government agency, among others. In no case shall consent be required in emergency or serious cases as defined under Republic Act No. 8344.

Provided finally, That in case a minor satisfies any of the above conditions but is still refused access to information and/or services, the minor may direct complaints to the designated Reproductive Health Officer (RHO) of the facility. Complaints shall be acted upon immediately.

SECTION 8. Adolescent Health Care Center. –Rural health units and barangay health centers within the Municipality of Bulakan shall likewise serve as the Municipal Adolescent Health Center and Barangay Adolescent Health Care Center, respectively.

SECTION 9. Funding. - The Municipality of Bulakan shall allot funds for the implementation of the AHDP from the gender and development (GAD) funds.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. - All other ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby likewise repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any section or provisions of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

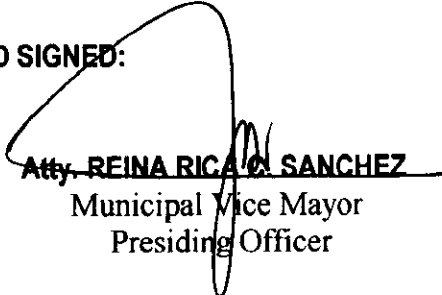
SECTION 12. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulakan in session held for this purpose dated November 21, 2022.


JEFF C. TANSINSIN
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