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PRESENT:

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Presiding Officer

Municipal Councilors

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Hon. Jose Antonio V. Lava	Hon. Atty. Ana Marie V. Pagsibigan
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Hon. Christopher Aron C. Del Rosario	Hon. Miguel Leonardo (SK)

ALL PRESENT

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 323

"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND PROVIDING FOR FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10410 ENTITLED "AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE AGE FROM ZERO (0) TO EIGHT (8) YEARS AS THE FIRST CRUCIAL STAGE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE FOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "*Ordinance Adopting the Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013*".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality to promote the rights of children to survival, development and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood and as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to address their needs; and to support parents in their roles as primary caregivers and as their children's first teachers. Further, the Municipality hereby recognizes the age from zero (0) to eight (8) years as the first crucial stage of educational development of which the age from zero (0) to four (4) years shall be the responsibility of the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council. Therefore, the responsibility to help develop children in the formative years between age five (5) to eight (8) years shall be with the Department of Education (DepEd)

The Municipality adopts the national system for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) that is comprehensive, integrative and sustainable, that involves multisectoral and interagency collaboration at the national and local levels among government; among service providers, families and communities, and among the public and private sectors, nongovernment organizations; professional associations and academic institutions.

The System shall promote the inclusion of children with special needs, provide for reasonable accommodation and accessible environments for children with disabilities and advocate respect for cultural and linguistic diversity, including the use of Filipino Sign Language as the visual language of the deaf community. It shall be anchored on complementary strategies for ECCD that include service delivery for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years, educating parents and caregivers, encouraging the active involvement of parents and communities in ECCD programs, raising awareness about the important efforts that improve the quality of life for young children and families.

SECTION 3. Objectives. – The National ECCD System shall pursue the following objectives:

- (a) To achieve improved infant and child survival rates by ensuring that adequate health and nutrition programs are accessible to young children and their parents, from the prenatal period throughout the early childhood years;
- (b) To enhance the physical-motor, socio-emotional, cognitive, language, psychological and spiritual development of young children;
- (c) To facilitate a smooth transition from care and education provided at home to community or school-based setting and to kindergarten;
- (d) To ensure that young children are adequately prepared for the formal learning system that begins at kindergarten;
- (e) To establish an efficient system for early identification, prevention, referral and intervention for the wide range of children with special needs from age zero (0) to four (4) years;
- (f) To upgrade and update the capabilities of service providers and their supervisors to comply with quality standards for various ECCD programs;
- (g) To reinforce the role of parents and other caregivers as the primary caregivers and educators of their children especially from age zero (0) to four (4) years;
- (h) To enhance and sustain the efforts of communities to promote ECCD programs and ensure that special support is provided for poor, disadvantaged and linguistic minority communities;
- (i) To improve the quality standards of public and private ECCD programs through, but not limited to, a registration and credential system for ECCD service providers and facilities;
- (j) To ensure that the education of persons, and in particular children, who are blind, deaf or deafblind, are conducted in the most appropriate languages, modes and means of communication for the individual, and in environments which maximize academic and social development; and

- (k) To employ teachers, including teachers with disabilities, who are qualified in sign language and/or braille, and to train professionals and staff who work at all levels of education.

SECTION 4. Definitions. – The following terms are defined as follows:

- (a) *Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) System* shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services development programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years; and to promote their optimum growth and development.

These programs shall include:

- (1) Center-based programs, such as the day care service established under Republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the "*Barangay - Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act*", and hereinafter referred to as the child development service, community or church-based early childhood education programs initiated by nongovernment organizations or people's organizations, workplace-related child care and education programs, child-minding centers, health centers and stations; and
- (2) Home-based programs, such as the neighborhood-based play groups, family child care programs, parent education and home visiting programs.
- (b) *ECCD Service Providers* shall include the various professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteer caregivers who are directly responsible for the care and education of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years through the various centers and home-based programs. They shall include, but shall not be limited to, day care workers hereinafter referred to as child development workers, child development teachers, teacher-aides, rural health midwives, social workers, community health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, parent effectiveness service volunteers, and family day care providers.
- (c) *ECCD Curriculum* shall refer to the developmentally-appropriate educational objectives and practices, programs of activities, organized learning experiences, recommended learning materials and appropriate assessment for children from age zero (0) to four (4) years that are implemented by service providers through center and home-based programs. It shall consist of national program goals and guidelines, instructional objectives, and content outlines that are age-appropriate, individually appropriate and culturally relevant.
- (d) *Parent Education* shall refer to the various formal and alternative means of providing parents with information, skills, and support systems to assist them in their roles as their children's primary caregivers and educators. These include public and private parent education programs linked to center, home and media-based child care and education programs.
- (e) *DSWD* shall refer to the Department of Social Welfare and Development.
- (f) *DepED* shall refer to the Department of Education

SECTION 5. Responsibilities of the Municipal Government. – The Municipal Government shall include funding allocations from the Special Education Fund (SEF) and Gender and Development (GAD) Fund in addition to other local funds to be utilized for the following purposes:

- (1) Support the implementation of their ECCD Program;
- (2) Organize and support parent cooperatives to establish community-based ECCD programs;
- (3) Provide counterpart funds for the continuing professional development of their ECCD public service providers; and
- (4) Provide the facilities for the conduct of their ECCD Program.

SECTION 6. Responsibilities of Families and Communities.– Families and communities shall support the local ECCD programs initiated by the Municipal Government by participating in various community-based projects such as, but not limited to, health, nutrition, social development and early childhood education projects for the overall development of their children from age zero (0) to four (4) years.

SECTION 7. Prioritized beneficiaries.–All public ECCD program providers shall prioritize children from age zero (0) to four (4) years born to families who are in greatest need and who can least afford private ECCD programs.

SECTION 8. Municipal Council for the Protection of Children. – The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children is tasked to oversee the implementation of this Ordinance by performing the following functions:

- (a) Promulgate policies and implement guidelines for ECCD programs – both national and local - in consultation with stakeholders, including the regional level when appropriate, consistent with the national policy and program frameworks as defined in this Ordinance;
- (b) Establish ECCD program standards that reflect developmentally appropriate practices for ECCD programs, which shall interface with the kindergarten curriculum of the DepED;
- (c) Evaluate and assess the impact and outcome of various ECCD programs through an effective information system;
- (d) Adopt the national system for early identification, screening and surveillance of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years;
- (e) Develop various support mechanisms that maximize public and private resources for implementing ECCD programs, giving priority to the needy and high-risk children from poor communities;
- (f) Provide funds to poor and disadvantaged communities for the establishment and expansion of public ECCD programs, improvement of physical facilities and for hiring of ECCD service providers,

- (g) Promote and encourage private sector initiatives for the establishment of ECCD programs;
- (h) Provide guidelines for the conduct of solicitations from local and international civic organizations, and request private foundations to supplement available resources; and
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 9. *Duties of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.* - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall have the following functions and duties:

- (a) Provide the internet connection, system users, and the hardware and supplies needed in order to upload profiles (facility, service providers, and child or children summary) in the system;
- (b) Ensure that all system users are officially endorsed to the DSWD Field Office for the activation of user accounts;
- (c) Responsible in gathering, uploading and updating all the profiles with the set timeline:
 - * Every start of the school year for the facility and service provider profile.
 - * Every end of the school year for the child profile and/or child summary.
 - * In the case of facility and service provider accreditation updating should be based on the validity years.
- (d) Use the child profile instead of child summary with children enrolled in Child Development Center *i.e., Day Care Center* having cases of severely underweight, overweight, under the Supplementary Feeding Program and those children that are *PantawidPamilya* beneficiaries.
- (e) Be accountable in the data quality of all the uploaded profiles hence reviewing the said profiles is deemed necessary before saving the information in the system.
- (f) Access and use the information in the ECCD-IS in evidence-based local planning, programming and budgeting *i.e., targeting the number of DCCs and DCWs for accreditation, monitoring the children health, nutritional, and development status, targeting the number of malnourished children, among others.*
- (g) Request needed technical assistance from DSWD Field Offices particularly in the operation and utilization of ECCD-IS at the local level.
- (h) Ensure full participation particularly when the DSWD will evaluate the operation of the ECCD-IS.

SECTION 10. *Appropriations.* - The Municipal Government shall allocate funds from the Special Education Fund (SEF) and Gender and Development (GAD) Fund in addition to other local funds, as may be provided.

ECCD programs may also be financed through a combination of public and private funds.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any portion of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality of Bulakan.

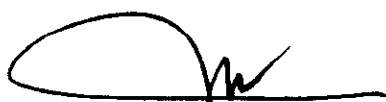
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulakan in session held for this purpose dated November 21, 2022.

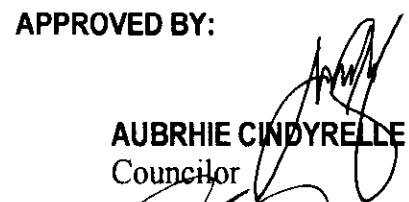

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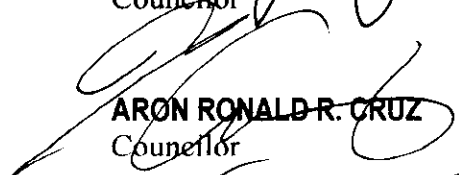
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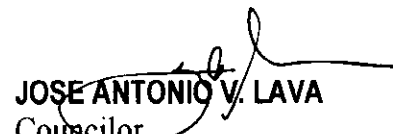

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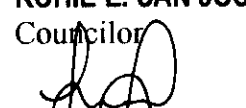

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