ORDINANCE NO. 02-043

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Art. 14, Sec. 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the protection and promotion of the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the constitution provides that Congress shall encourage non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent and out-of-school youth programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to highlight the importance of literacy and education, given the government's vision of a globally competitive and newly industrializing country that would better be achieved with the improvement of the quality of our human resources through literacy and education;

WHEREAS, Congress enacted Republic Act 7165, an act creating the Literacy Coordinating Council, defining its powers and functions, appropriating funds thereof and other purpose declaring it the policy of the state to give highest priority to the adoption of measures for the total eradication of illiteracy;

WHEREAS, Malacañang Administrative Order number 324 mandates all concerned government agencies and all local government units to adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council Blueprint for Action as framework or guideline in developing policies and implementing programs or projects related to literacy;

WHEREAS, Education is the highest priority of the "Eight-Point Program for development" of the Fressnedi Administration;
WHEREAS, to carry out the declared national policy, there is hereby created a City Literacy Coordinating Council;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. CITY LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL – The City Literacy Coordinating Council is hereby created as a special inter-agency body under the joint supervision and control of the Office of the City Mayor and the Division of City Schools of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL – The council shall rationalize the formulation of policies in the implementation of programs or projects on non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs. Toward this end, the council shall:

1. Develop policy and programs directions for eradication of illiteracy;
2. Recommend strategies on the development of a mass movement for the total eradication of illiteracy in the country;
3. Formulate measures on the establishment and maintenance of a local data bank and information exchange and dissemination system to support literacy efforts at the local level;
4. Identify successful management schemes for literacy programs and strengthen the research and development capability of government agencies and non-government organizations involved in literacy work;
5. Recommend ways and means of generating funds and other resources in order to initiate, support and sustain literacy programs, projects and activities;
6. Suggest measures on how to organize and strengthen support structures for literacy at the local level;
7. Provide technical assistance in planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of functional literacy programs and projects; and
8. Encourage the development of advocacy and social mobilization network system to promote the eradication of illiteracy;
9. Perform such other related functions as maybe necessary to carry out the declared policy.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION – The City Literacy Coordinating Council shall be composed of the following:

1. City Mayor as Chairman
2. Division Superintendent as Co-Chairman
3. City Vice-Mayor as Vice-Chairman
4. The Chairman of the Education Committee of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as Member
5. Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President as Member
6. Representative from the Business Sector as Member
7. Representative from an accredited non-government organization, as member
8. City Planning and Development Office as Secretariat
9. City Public Information Office as Member
10. Early Childhood Education Chief as Member

In addition thereto, a Technical Working Group (TWG) may be established by the council to facilitate the work of the council.

SECTION 4. MEETING AND QUORUM – The Council shall meet at least once a month or as often as may be necessary. Any of the Co-chairman may call a meeting. A majority of all its members shall constitute a quorum. However, when both co-chairman are present in a meeting, the local chief executive concerned, as a matter of protocol, shall be given preference to preside over the meeting. The affirmative vote of the majority of all the members shall be necessary to approve any measure to be adopted by the council.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION – The Chairman and members of the council who are government officials shall perform their duties and responsibilities without compensation and remuneration. Members thereof who are not government officials and employees may be entitled to necessary traveling expenses and allowances chargeable against the funds of the Office of the Mayor, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its posting in the Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 25th day of April on its 30th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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Councilor

RENE CARL S. CAYETANO
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ARTEMIO A. SIMUNDAC
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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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City Vice Mayor/Presiding Office

APPROVED:

ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNELDI
City Mayor
Date: ___________