ORDINANCE NO. 05-074

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY EVERY YEAR AS BIBLE WEEK IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA.

Sponsored by:
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WHEREAS, the Philippines has been celebrating the National Bible Week and National Bible Sunday annually after former President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed Presidential Proclamation No. 1923 on October 27, 1979 in recognition of the Bible as an excellent source of principles for development of moral and personal discipline;

WHEREAS, the celebration every last week of January become official when President Corazon C. Aquino issued Proclamation No. 44 in 1986, her proclamation was later followed up by President Fidel V. Ramos in Presidential Proclamation No. 1067 which recognized that the national intention be focused on the importance of reading and studying the Bible in molding the spiritual, moral and social fiber of our citizenry;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa has been advocating effective governance and socio-economic development by encouraging all public officials and constituents to practice sound work ethics, discipline, good taste and excellence;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa acknowledges that socio-economic development cannot be fulfilled by material prosperity alone but by enriching the moral and spiritual perspectives of its inhabitants as well, by means of reading and fully understanding the scriptures in the Bible;

WHEREAS, a City where inhabitants have sound spiritual and moral values is free from corruption, injustice and wrong doings thus effective governance will be easier to implement and socio-economic development will be faster to achieve;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MUNTINLUPA, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Government of Muntinlupa hereby declares the last week of January every year as “Bible Week” in the City of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 2. Last Saturday of January shall be declared as a *Bible Festival Day* which is the culmination of all the activities within the Bible Week as part of the celebration of Bible Week in the City of Muntinlupa. The City Quadrangle of City Government of Muntinlupa shall be the official venue for this event.

SECTION 3. All Religious Sector within the jurisdiction of Muntinlupa shall be covered by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Bible Week shall celebrate all together in celebration through parades, motorcades and rallies proclaiming the yearly themes of the Bible Week.

SECTION 5. All public and private schools, all local and national government employees and all Barangays within the jurisdiction of Muntinlupa shall participate with this event.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect on January 2006.

ENACTED, by the Fourth (4th) Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 12th day of December, 2005, on its 12th Special Session.

CONCURRED:

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ABSENT:

BAL NIEFES
Councillor

RENE CARL S. CAYETANO
Councillor

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

CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

ALDRIN L. SAN PEDRO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

Date:

PBS, JR.