AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR TO BE KNOWN AS “MUNTINLUPA CITY LGBT (LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER) PRIDE DAY” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Sec. 1(a), Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution states that the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities and remove cultural inequities shall be given highest priority;

WHEREAS, Section 72 (Equal Treatment) of Article XXI, On Other Disadvantaged Sectors provides that any ridicule, embarrassment or insult to persons belonging to cultural communities, those with disabilities, the elderly or persons with sexual preferences shall be penalized in accordance with the penal provisions thereof.

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the United Nations through the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) passed a resolution to appoint an “independent expert” to find the causes of violence and discrimination against people due to their gender identity and sexual orientation, and discuss with governments about how to protect these people. The milestone resolution has been seen as the UN’s “most overt expression of gay rights as human rights”;

WHEREAS, in the City of Muntinlupa, the LGBT community and its members are considered active partners towards community development. The City likewise, embraced these people, recognizing them as a dynamic group of talented, creative and empowered citizens of this City with equal human rights;
WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa through its Gender and Development (GAD) Office ensures that programs, projects and activities are being implemented, reaching out to the LGBT members of the community, and to guarantee that they are fully aware and knowledgeable about their human rights, health issues such as HIV/AIDS awareness, address their talents and skills being full to their potential.

WHEREAS, LGBT PRIDE DAY is the positive stance against discrimination and violence towards lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people to promote their self-affirmation dignity and equal rights, increase their visibility as a social group; build community; and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as it is hereby ORDAINED by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Muntinlupa in a session assembled “An Ordinance Declaring The Last Saturday Of The Month Of June Of Every Year To Be Known As “Muntinlupa City LGBT Pride Day’ Celebration And Appropriating Funds Thereof”.

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as as “An Ordinance Declaring the Last Saturday of the Month of June of Every Year as Muntinlupa City LGBT Pride Day Celebration and Appropriating Funds Thereof”.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms:

1) LGBT -lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. It refers to a diverse and complex range of identities based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (hereinafter “SOGIE”). The term “LGBT” refers to gender and sexuality, non-conforming persons, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons.

2) Lesbian – a woman whose emotional, romantic and sexual energies are geared towards another woman.

3) Gay – a person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to members of the same sex. Although all-encompassing, this term refers mainly to men.

4) Bisexual – a person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to members of both the same and opposite sex.
5) **Transgender** – is the state of one’s gender identity (self-identification as woman, man or neither) not matching one’s “assigned sex” (identification by others as male or female based on physical/genetic sex). Transgender does not imply any specific form of sexual orientation; transgender people may identify as heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, polysexual or assexual. The precise definition for transgender remains in flux, but includes: -of relating to or designating a person whose identity does not conform ambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender roles, but combines or moves between these. - people who were assigned a sex, usually at birth and based on their genitals, but feel that this is a false or incomplete description of themselves. - non-identification with or non-presentation as the sex (and assumed gender) one was assigned at birth.

6) **Gender Expression** – is how a person publicly presents one’s gender. This can include behavior and outward appearance such as dress, hair, make-up, body language and voice. A person’s chosen name and pronoun are also common ways of expressing gender.

7) **Pride** – a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one’s own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.

**SECTION 3.** A Committee shall be formed comprising different representatives from LGBT Organizations of different barangay which shall carry out the one-day activity to reach the grass root.

**SECTION 4. Funding - GAD Fund** - The activity shall be funded/appropriated annually which shall be included in the GAD fund of the City.

**SECTION 5. Separability Clause** – If any part or provision of this Code is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall remain valid and continue to remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause** – Any other ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

**ENACTED, by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 3rd of April 2017, on its 33rd Regular Session.**
Ordinance 17-084

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

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Date: 12 APR 2017