AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE MUNTINLUPA CITY COUNCIL ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9208, as Amended, otherwise known as the “Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003,” declares that the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration;

WHEREAS, the “Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004,” Republic Act No. 9262, enunciates the commitment of the State to safeguard the dignity of women and children while guaranteeing full respect of their human rights and protect them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

WHEREAS, these two laws mandate the creation of separate structures at the local level that shall serve as coordinating and monitoring bodies on anti-violence against women and their children (VAWC) and trafficking initiatives in pursuit of the policies declared therein;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa concurs with the view expressed in the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) – Department of Justice (DOJ) Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-1 dated 18 October 2010 that, for purposes of expediency, maximizing resources and preventing duplication of functions and representation at the local level, local committees on anti-trafficking and anti-violence on women and their children (VAWC) will be created instead of establishing two separate bodies.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Muntinlupa City Council on Anti-Trafficking and Anti-Violence Against Women and Children.—There is hereby created a Muntinlupa City Council on Anti-Trafficking and Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children (LCATVAWC), herein after referred to as the Council, to monitor and oversee the implementation of the provisions of Republic Act No’s. 9208 and 9262 and such other related laws and policies in the City of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 2. Composition.—The Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. City Mayor - Chairperson
2. Chairperson of the Committee on Gender and Development Women, and Family Relations of the Sangguniang Panlungsod - Member
3. City Prosecutor - Member
4. City Administrator, City Administrations Office - Member
5. Head, Planning and Development Office - Member
6. Head, Social Welfare and Development Office - Member
7. Director, Gender and Development Office - Member
8. Head, City Health Office - Member
9. Head, Public Employment Services Office - Member
10. Head, City Budget Office - Member
11. Head, City Legal Office - Member
12. Head, Business Processing and Licensing Office - Member
13. Director, City MC/DILG Office - Member
14. President, Liga ng Mga Barangay Barangay - Member
15. Chief of Police, PNP Muntinlupa - Member
16. PNP Women and Children’s Protection Desk - Member
17. University President, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa – Member
18. Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd Muntinlupa - Member
19. Head, SAGIP - Member
20. Head, Osmu- Women and Childrens Protection Unit - Member
21. Representative, Zonta Club of Muntinlupa and Environs - Member
22. Representative, Soroptomist Muntinlupa - Member
23. Child Representative - Member
24. Representative, Overseas Filipino Workers - Member

The Chairperson shall designate the Co-Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council. The Chairperson and the Members of the Council may designate permanent alternate representatives who shall attend meetings and activities in their absence.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions.—The Council shall have the following powers and functions:
a. Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and anti-violence and recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod Ordinances and Resolutions on the same;

b. Create and establish systems on surveillance, monitoring, investigation, rescue and re-integration to ensure effective and efficient coordination;

c. Undertake the development of materials for information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC;

d. Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of Republic Act No's. 9208 and 9262 as well as other related laws for the protection of women and children;

e. Implement the programs and activities as stated in the National Plan of Action of the Inter-Agency Council on Anti-Trafficking and the Inter-Agency Council on Anti-Violence Against Women and Children;

f. Establish partnership with non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs) working on trafficking and VAWC to assist in its formulation and implementation of localized programs and interventions to address human trafficking and VAWC;

g. Establish linkage with similar international and local councils of other institutions; and

h. Ensure the continuous Capacity Development of all the members of the Council.

SECTION 4. Meetings of the Committee. - The Council shall meet regularly at least once a month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson as the need arises. Majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

SECTION 5. Allowance or Emoluments, stipend, pay, earnings. – Subject to the availability of funds, the members of the Council or their designated permanent representatives, shall receive allowance in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) per regular meeting or other emoluments as maybe determined by the Council in accordance with existing budget and accounting rules and regulations.

b. Hazard Pay shall be provided to the personnel involved the surveillance, monitoring, investigation, and rescue operations. The Council shall recommend an issuance of Executive Order to determine the amount in accordance with existing budget and accounting rules and regulations.
SECTION 6. Secretariat. – There shall be a Secretariat whose members shall be composed of personnel from the following:

1. City Legal Office
2. City Planning and Development Office
3. SAGIP

It shall have the following functions:

a. Coordinate and monitor, under the direction of the Council, the implementation of the policies and guidelines promulgated by the Committee;

b. Establish, maintain and manage a central database on trafficking in persons and VAWC cases;

c. Provide secretariat, records keeping and other services to the Committee; and

d. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Committee.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. – The amounts necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged to the Gender and Development Fund of the City Government.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other sections or provisions hereof, unaffected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. – Executive Order No. 18, Series of 2010 and Ordinance No. 05-050 are hereby repealed. Any other Executive Order, Memorandum or similar directive contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED, by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 4th day of December, 2017 on its 58th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

DISTRICT I:

COUN. ATTY. PATRICIO L. BONCAYAO, JR.
Member

COUN. STEPHANIE G. TEVES
Member
I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Secretary to the Sanggunian
ATTESTED:

CELSO C. DIOKO
City Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

Date: 5 DEC 2017

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