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ORDINANCE NO. 8788

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LOCAL COUNCIL ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC), PRESCRIBING ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Acting Majority Floor Leader



EXPLANATORY NOTE

SECTION 14, Article II of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the role of women in nation-building and ensures the fundamental equality before the law of women and men. Pursuant to this mandate, several legislations for women empowerment, as well as for the protection of the welfare of women and children, were enacted by Congress. Among these laws were Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9208, or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, R. A. No. 9262, or the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004, and R. A. No. 9710, or the Magna Carta of Women.

In consonance with these laws, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Department of Justice (DOJ) have issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01, dated October 18, 2010, directing Local Government executives and other entities concerned to create a Local Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC).

Pursuant to the mandate of these laws and Circular, this Ordinance is being proposed to create the Manila LCAT-VAWC.

The Manila LCAT-VAWC shall be chaired by the City Mayor. The Vice-Mayor shall be Vice Chair and with fifteen (15) members. The City Department Social Welfare and Development shall act as its secretariat.

The Council shall be tasked to institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence. It shall create and establish systems of surveillance, investigation and rescue. It will also undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and violence against women and children. It shall monitor and oversee the strict compliance of RA 9208, RA 9262, and other related laws for the protection of women and children.

The creation of the Council will ensure that Manila rules and regulations shall be consistent with national policies against trafficking in persons, violence against women and their children, and other women/children-related laws.

It is in this view that the immediate passage of this draft ordinance is earnestly sought.

HON. KRISTLE MARIE C. BACANI
Councilor, Fourth District
Manila

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children and Gender Based Violence. – The Manila Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children, and Gender Based Violence, hereinafter the Council, is hereby created.

SEC. 2. Composition of the Council. – The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman: City Mayor

Vice Chairman: City Vice-Mayor

Members:

1. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Committee on Women and Family Relations
2. Chairperson, SP Committee on Childrens' Affairs
3. Chairperson, SP Committee on Laws
4. Head, Manila Department of Social Welfare
5. President, Liga ng mga Barangay Manila Chapter
6. Head, City Planning and Development Office
7. Head, Manila Health Department
8. Head, DILG Manila Office
9. Chief of Police, PNP Manila Police District
10. PNP MPD Women and Child Protection Desk Officer
11. Head, Department of Tourism Culture and Arts Manila
12. Head, Gender and Development Office
13. Manila City Prosecutor
14. Head, Public Employment Service Office – City of Manila
15. Head, Manila Barangay Bureau
16. Non-governmental Organization Representative
17. Women's Organization Representative

Secretariat: City Department Social Welfare and Development

The Chairperson of the SP Committee on Women and Family Relations shall preside over the Council in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

SEC. 3. Powers and Responsibilities of the Council. – The Council shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and gender based violence;
- (formulate local ordinance and resolutions);
- Create and establish system of surveillance, investigation, and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination;
- Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in person and VAWC and gender based violence;
- Monitor and oversee the strict compliance of RA 9208, RA 9262, and other related laws for the protection of women and children and for the implementation of the local council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and Children, and national plans and action; and
- Perform such other functions as it may deem necessary, consistent with national policies against trafficking in persons, violence against women and their children, and other women/children-related laws.

SEC. 4. Meetings. – The Council shall conduct regular meetings on a quarterly basis. Special meetings may be conducted when necessary. The policies, programs, projects and activities relative to the promotion, protection and fulfillment of women's and children's rights shall be the agenda for such meetings.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. – The appropriation needed for this Ordinance shall be sourced out of unused appropriations for the present fiscal year. Thereafter, its funding requirement shall be included on the annual appropriations ordinance under the City's GAD Fund.

SEC. 6. Formulation of Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Council shall formulate an Implementing Rules and Regulations as it may deem necessary.

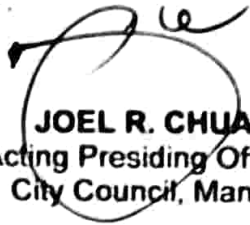
SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – Any Ordinance, Executive Order, Local Issuances, or Rules and Regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise superseded or amended by competent authority.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on November 15, 2021.

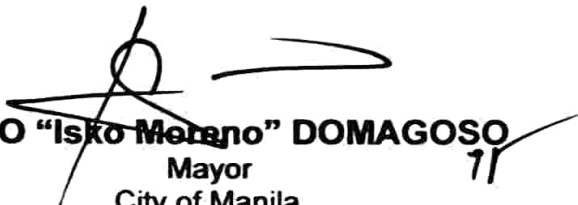
PRESIDED BY:


JOEL R. CHUA
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ATTESTED:


LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON NOV 24 2021.


FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


BERNARDITO Z. TANG
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