EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67
Series of 2021

AN ORDER CREATING AN INTERIM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFAIRS OFFICE AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution providesin Article XIV, Section 17 thereof that the State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions;

WHEREAS, recognizing the role of indigenous peoples in the community, the 1991 Local Government Code provides that there shall be sectoral representatives in local legislative bodies which include indigenous cultural communities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous People's Right Act of 1991, declares as a state policy that the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/ Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) shall be recognized, respected and protected to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the 1991 Local Government Code states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture;

WHEREAS, having a population of 1,825,450 in 2020, and a vast land area of 2,444 square kilometers, Davao City is a multi-cultural city that proudly boasts its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Davao City is home to eleven (11) ethnolinguistic groups, five (5) Lumad (Bagobo-Klata, Ata, Obu-Manuvu, Matigsalug, and Bagobo-Tagabawa) and six (6) Moro (Sama, Maranao, Kagan, Iranun, Maguindanaon, and Taosug);

WHEREAS, multiculturalism runs deep in Davao City's history. It echoes in its tag line "Life is Here." In order to celebrate and to unite the Dabawenyos, the City Government of Davao City shall create an office which focuses on Indigenous Peoples Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION. The Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office is hereby created which shall be attached to the Office of the City Mayor. The Office of the City Mayor shall oversee the day-to-day function of the Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office.

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1.1 The deputy mayors of the ethnolinguistic tribes shall manage the Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office and is the primary pipeline to executive instruction, programs and projects of Davao City designed to promote the welfare, growth & development of the ICCs/IPs communities.

1.2 Appropriate number of personnel shall be assigned or hired to ensure the functionality of the office.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office shall act as the lead agency of the City Government of Davao in preserving and developing the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of the Indigenous People in Davao City.

Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations and guidelines provided by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office shall have the following functions:

2.1 Serve as a medium through which Indigenous Cultural Communities/ Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) of Davao City can seek linkage to local and national offices in terms of ICCs/IPs affairs;

2.2 Serve as a nerve center of information for the IP tribes of Davao City;

2.3 Closely coordinate with local and national agencies in relation to programs and provisions affecting IP communities;

2.4 Formulate and implement policies, plans, programs and projects for the economic, social and cultural development of the ICCs/IPs of Davao City and to monitor the implementation thereof;

2.5 Provide advice and assistance in the implementation and monitoring of policies, plans, programs and projects affecting ICCs/IPs in Davao City;

2.6 Request and engage the services and support of experts from other agencies of government or employ private experts and consultants as may be required in the advancement of the welfare of ICCs/IPs of Davao City;

2.7 Coordinate and work closely with the NCIP in protecting the rights of ICCs/IPs of Davao City;

2.8 Assist in developing criteria for allocating additional resources for education, economic and cultural development programs;

2.9 Participate in the peace process involving conflicts between ICCs/IPs and/or individuals in Davao City and the government in cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals and institutions;

2.10 Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and continued enhancement as a government entity.

SECTION 3. BUDGETARY SUPPORT AND FUNDING. All costs pertaining to the operation of the Interim Indigenous Peoples Affairs Office shall be charged to available funds of the City Mayor's Office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All provisions, memorandum, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
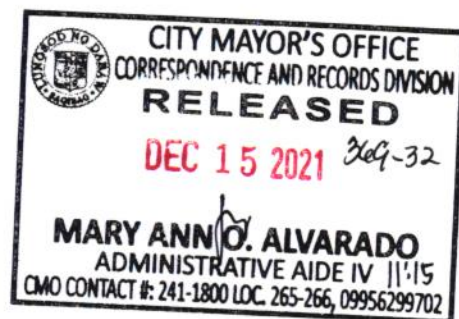
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval hereof and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded.

Done this _____ in Davao City, Philippines.

SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:

SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
Acting City Mayor

ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

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