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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF DAVAO

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**AN ORDER CREATING THE DAVAO CITY MUSLIM AFFAIRS OFFICE UNDER
THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS**

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

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 5 of the same guarantees that the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be allowed;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, recognizes the role of indigenous peoples in the society and provides for the inclusion of indigenous cultural communities among the sectoral representatives in local legislative bodies;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9997, otherwise known as the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos Act of 2009, declares that "it is the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building";

WHEREAS, the City of Davao is a multi-cultural city that is composed of Christians, Muslims, and Lumads and is home to six (6) Muslim Groups, namely, Iranun, Kagan, Sama, Maguindanaon, Maranao, and Taosug;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a local office which will specifically cater to the needs of Muslims within the City and to promote equality and unity among Dabawenyos.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SEBASTIAN 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 AND COMPOSITION OF THE DAVAO CITY MUSLIM AFFAIRS OFFICE. There shall be created a Davao City Muslim Affairs Office which shall be composed of the deputy mayors of each of the Muslim Groups in Davao City. It shall be attached to the Barangay and Cultural Communities Affairs Division (BCCAD) under the Office of the City Mayor which shall oversee the day-to-day functions of the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office.

SECTION 2. DEPUTY MAYORS. There shall be one (1) deputy mayor for each of the Muslim Tribes, namely, the Iranun, Kagan, Sama, Maguindanaon, Maranao, and Taosug to be appointed by the Office of the City Mayor. The Deputy Mayors shall manage the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office and shall be the primary office to execute the instructions, programs, and projects of the City Government to promote the welfare,

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growth, and development of Muslim communities in the city. The appropriate number of personnel shall be assigned or hired by the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office to ensure its functionality, subject to the availability of funds.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF DEPUTY MAYORS. Deputy Mayors shall have the following qualifications:

- a. A bona fide citizen of the Philippines;
- b. A resident of Davao City for not less than three (3) years immediately preceding the day of his/her appointment;
- c. Must be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time of his/her appointment;
- d. A member of the tribe which he/she represents;
- e. Must be able to read and write Filipino, English, or the local dialect;
- f. Must be of good moral character; and
- g. Must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude.

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS. In general, the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office shall act as the primary agency of the City Government of Davao in ensuring the preservation and development of the culture, traditions, institutions, and well-being of Muslim residents in Davao City. Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, and guidelines provided by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), the Davao City Muslim Affairs shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Act as a medium through which Muslim residents of Davao City can seek government assistance and linkage to local and national offices in terms of Muslim affairs.
- b. Serve as a nerve center of information for the Muslim communities of Davao City.
- c. Closely coordinate with local and national agencies in relation to programs and provisions affecting Muslim communities.
- d. Formulate and implement policies, plans, programs and projects aimed towards the advancement of Muslim communities in Davao City.
- e. Provide assistance in the implementation and monitoring of policies, plans, programs, and projects affecting Muslim communities in Davao City.
- f. Participate in the peace process involving conflicts between Muslim groups and/or individuals in Davao City and the government in cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals, and institutions.
- g. The six (6) Muslim deputy mayors shall endorse one "appointee" or "nominee" to the Office of the City Mayor for appointment to the position of Executive Program Director of the Davao City Madrasah Comprehensive Development and Promotion Unit.
- h. Supervise, oversee, and evaluate the functions, operations, and performance of the Davao City Madrasah Comprehensive Development and Promotion Unit and its personnel.
- i. Initiate and develop programs in coordination with the Davao City Madrasah Comprehensive Development and Promotion Unit for informal Muslim education, the promotion of Eid and Islamic festivals, and the integration of various Muslim tribes in Davao City.
- j. Promote and enhance the development of domestic trade and commerce among the members of Muslim communities in Davao City.
- k. Promote and facilitate the establishment of joint ventures and investments by the members of the Muslim communities in Davao City in cooperation

and/or coordination with existing public enterprises, corporations, or private entities.

- l. Oversee and supervise the actions, operations, and performance of the Muslim Sectoral Council.
- m. Recommend the persons to be appointed as Muslim Sectoral Council Representatives for the following sectors: Youth, Council Elders, Women, Islamic Religious Representative following the Mufti of Region 11, Business, Special Concerns for Children, Muslim Education, and Balik Islam.
- n. Promote and develop the Philippine Halal Industry and assist in the accreditation of Halal-certifying entities/bodies in partnership or cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals, and institutions, locally or abroad.
- o. Develop criteria for the allocation of resources for education, economic, and cultural development programs for Muslim communities in the city.
- p. Enhance the efficacy of all existing policies and development programs of the local government aimed at strengthening and uplifting the socioeconomic conditions of Muslim residents in Davao City, and identify areas requiring government intervention and support.
- q. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the effective operations and continued enhancement of its functions as a government entity.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. The Davao City Muslim Affairs Office shall have a regular meeting every first Monday of the month unless modified by the Deputy Mayors through a proper resolution. Any additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. The presence of the majority of all the members of the Deputy Mayors shall constitute a quorum.

Within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this Executive Order, the Deputy Mayors shall immediately convene to discuss and formulate the initial actions, policies, and programs of the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office.

SECTION 6. DAVAO CITY MUSLIM SECTORAL COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS. There is hereby created a Davao City Muslim Sectoral Council (DCMSC). The DCMSC shall be under the control and supervision of the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office.

The DCMSC shall be composed of the Deputy Mayors and the appointed Sectoral Representatives composing of the following sectors: Youth, Council Elders, Women, Islamic Religious Representative following the Mufti of Region 11, Business, Special Concerns for Children, Muslim Education, and Balik Islam.

The Sectoral Representatives must meet the following criteria:

- A citizen of the Philippines
- A resident of Davao City for not less than two (2) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment
- At least eighteen (18) years of age
- Able to read and write English or Filipino or the local dialect
- Must be of good moral character and must not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude
- As far as practicable, must be a member of the sector which the member represents.

The Sectoral Representatives shall be the point persons for the concerns of the sector they represent. They shall also perform the following duties:

- a. Submit regular reports to the Deputy Mayors.
- b. Suggest and recommend courses of action for the concerns of the sectors they represent.
- c. Assist in the planning and execution of projects and programs of the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office.
- d. Perform duties and functions as may be directed by the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office, the Office of the City Mayor, and other proper authorities.


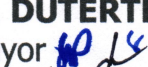
SECTION 7. BUDGETARY SUPPORT AND FUNDING. The costs and expenses for the operation of the Davao City Muslim Affairs Office shall be charged to the available funds of the Office of the City Mayor subject to the usual budget, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

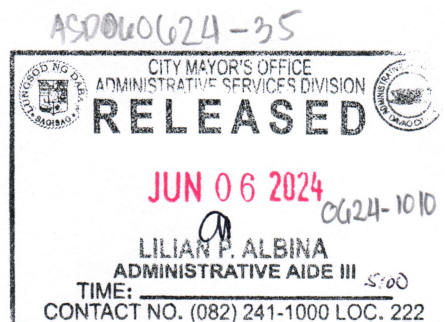
SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this JUN 06 2024 in the City of Davao, Philippines.


SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor 

Attested by:


ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG
Acting City Administrator



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