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AN ORDER REORGANIZING THE LOCAL COUNCIL ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC)

WHEREAS, SECTION 14, ARTICLE II of the 1987 Constitution says that "The state recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men";

WHEREAS, SECTION 11, ARTICLE III of the same constitution also provides that the state values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Congress approved RA No. 9208 otherwise known as Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 for the sole purpose of preventing the unlawful transportation, harbouring, transfer, or recruitment of persons for the purpose of exploitation;

WHEREAS, Congress passed RA 9262 otherwise known as Anti Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004 which seeks to address the prevalence of violence against women and their children (VAWC), committed by their intimate partners;

WHEREAS, The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Department of Justice (DOJ) have issued a Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010 – 1, dated October 18, 2010, directing all Provincial Governors and other entities concerned to create Local Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC);

WHEREAS, said laws require the creation of local council on anti-trafficking and anti-violence against women and their children to achieve the following objectives, to wit:

- a. Establishment of functional parallel structure and system at the local level which will monitor and oversee implementation of the provisions of RAs 9208 and 9262;
- b. Increasing the capacities of local partners in developing and implementing culturally appropriate and gender-responsive policies and programs;
- c. Empowering and mobilizing resources of the local community in the prevention, protection, recovery, and integration of victims/survivors; and
- d. Establish partnership and participation of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and People's Organization in the development and implementation of programs and activities that will address human trafficking and VAWC.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERARD ROGER M. ESPINA, Governor of the Province of Biliran, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reorganize the committee on LCAT-VAWC, which shall be composed of the following:

CHAIRPERSON : **HON. GERARD ROGER M. ESPINA**
Governor

CO – CHAIRPERSON : **ATTY. EDNA PITAO-HONOR**
Deputy Prosecutor
Provincial Prosecutor Office

JESUS P. NAQUILA
Provincial Director, DILG

MEMBERS : **MRS. LISSA M. BERMILLO**
Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer

PCOL. DIONISIO DC APAS
Provincial Director, PNP

HOSANNA E. GOMEZ
Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

HON. ROSELYN E. PARAS
Chairperson of the Committee on Women, Children
and Family, Sanguniang Panlalawigan

DR. JUDELLA R. LUMPAS, Ed.D., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd

DIR. II REY ALBERT C. UY
Field Office Director, CSC

ENGR. EMMANUEL Y. DELA CRUZ
Department of Labor and Employment,
Provincial Director

DR. EDGAR T. VELOSO
Provincial Health Officer

MR. JASON STEVEN V. SANJORJO
Public Employment Service Office Manager

MAYONAISE MONTON
Women Representative
WORD-KALIPI

MALVIN C. TAGALOG
Child Representative

The Secretariat of the council shall be the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

This Committee shall be created for purpose of expediency, maximizing resources and preventing duplication of functions and representation at the local level in general and to do their respective functions, viz:

- Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking
- Create and establish systems on surveillance, investigation, and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination;
- Undertake information, education, and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC;
- Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of RA 9208, RA 9262, and other related laws for the protection of women and children, and the IACAT and IACVAWC national plans of action;
- Perform such 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

In addition to the above-mentioned functions, the Provincial Committee shall implement the program and activities as stated in the national plan of action.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force unless otherwise suspended or amended by competent authority.

Done this 22nd day of August 2022 at Province of Biliran. Philippines.


HON. GERARD ROGER M. ESPINA
Governor