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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-085

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PERSONS FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION, HARRASMENT, VIOLENCE OR ANY OTHER ACTION CAUSING STIGMA OR HUMILIATION AGAINST CONFIRMED COVID-19 POSITIVE.

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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution also provides that, ***“no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws”***;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 on March 8, 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19, and another Presidential Proclamation No. 929 on March 16, 2020 ***declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant***;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 infected persons, PUMs and PUIs are presently experiencing stigma because of the perceived danger they pose in spreading the virus. This behavior against them hurts everyone by creating unwarranted fear, anxiety or anger in communities. This unduly results to social avoidance or rejection, denial of assistance, healthcare or housing, discrimination, physical violence and other criminal acts against COVID-19 infected persons, PUMs and PUIs;

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WHEREAS, the *Department of Health (DOH)* warned the public against discrimination against persons who contracted COVID-19, PUIs, PUMs, health workers and emergency workers who are in the front lines of the battle against the rapidly spreading COVID-19. The *Department of Health (DOH)* clarified that with the world confronted by a virus with little known information, it is human to be afraid, but we must not allow hysteria and paranoia to result in irrational treatment of people; **Persons, Close Contacts, Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM), Health Workers, And Front Liners and Imposing the appropriate penalties for Violation Covid-19 Thereof, State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that public health emergencies, such as the outbreak of COVID-19, are stressful times for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma towards people, places, or things. When people associate a health risk with specific types of people, such as confirmed COVID-19 patients, Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM), health workers, and front liners because of their frequent exposure to the Stigma occurs COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, because of the worsening fear of people against confirmed patients, Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM), Close the City Government of Muntinlupa must protect these people from any act of discrimination, harassment, violence or anything that causes them to suffer stigma, shame, humiliation, or disgrace;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa is herein compelled to adopt clear-cut measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities pursuant to Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991, especially for those people who have already been diagnosed with, or suspected of having COVID-19, their close contacts, health workers and front liners who are fighting this dreadful disease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the **9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa** in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"COVID-19 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION Ordinance."**

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SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.

a) **Close Contact** – a person who may have come into contact with an infected person or infectious secretions of a novel coronavirus case. It includes persons visiting patients or staying in the same close environment of a COVID-19 confirmed patient.

b) **Confirmed COVID-19 Person**—any person who has been tested for COVID-19 by authorized health authorities with a confirmed positive result.

c) **Front Liners** – include officers and members of the PNP, AFP, PCG and instrumentalities of the government rendering emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services. It also includes service workers who are working in private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production (e.g. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies, drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water-refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, security personnel money transfer services, power, energy, telecommunications and water supplies and other related facilities).

d) **HealthWorkers**—referstoanypersonwhorendershealthcareservicestothe sick and ailing, either directly or indirectly, such as, doctors, nurses, medics, hospital and clinic aides, and laboratory technicians. Health workers also include those whose job it is to protect and improve the health of their communities. Contacts, as well as the exposed health workers, and front liners, COVID-19.

e) **Person Under Investigation (PUI)** – refers to any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who exhibits fever and/or cough, and has at least one of the following: (1) history of travel to China 14 days prior to onset of symptoms, or (2) has a history of exposure to COVID-19 14 days prior to onset of symptom, and shall be referred to hospital quarantine.

f) **Person Under Monitoring for Facility Quarantine (PUM-F)** – refers to any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who does not exhibit any sign nor symptom, but has a history of travel to Hubei, China and/or has a history of exposure to COVID-19, and shall be referred to facility quarantine.

g) **Person Under Monitoring for Home Quarantine(PUM-H)** – refers to any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who does not exhibit any sign nor symptom, has history of travel to other areas of China and/or history of exposure to COVID-19, and shall be referred to home quarantine.





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SECTION 3. Unlawful Acts.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to commit any act of discrimination, harassment, violence or any action/inaction that causes stigma, shame, humiliation, disgrace or harm against a Confirmed COVID-19 Person, Close Contact, Person Under Investigation (PUI), Person Under Monitoring (PUM-F) or (PUM-H), Health Workers, and Front Liners.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any public official, public employee or essential service provider to refuse assistance or deny services to a Confirmed COVID-19 Person, Close Contact, Person Under Investigation (PUI), Person Under Monitoring (PUM-F) or (PUM-H), Health Worker, and Front Liner, including but not limited to, refusal to allow a person to return to his residence when the person has been cleared of COVID-19 by the relevant public health official.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to influence or instigate another person to commit acts of discrimination, harassment, violence or any action/inaction that causes stigma, shame, humiliation, disgrace or harm against a Confirmed COVID-19 Person, Close Contact, Person Under Investigation (PUI), Person Under Monitoring (PUM-F) or (PUM-H), Health Workers, and Front Liners, through spreading rumors, uttering information or any communication that causes unnecessary fear, anger, panic or violation of rights of such persons.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously disclose information regarding a Confirmed COVID-19 Person, Close Contact, Person Under Investigation (PUI), Person Under Monitoring (PUM-F) or (PUM-H), including but not limited to, their actual names, address and other information that reveals their identities.

SECTION 4. Penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 3 hereof shall be liable to pay a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000) and/or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months OR both for each offense committed. If the offender is a public officer or public employee, the maximum penalty shall be imposed.

If the unlawful act is committed by a juridical entity, the directors, officers and employees of the juridical entity that participated, contributed or tolerated the commission of any of the Unlawful Acts under Section 3 shall be held liable.

The penalties imposable under this Ordinance is without prejudice to other administrative, criminal or civil liability that are available for the commission of other criminal acts punishable under the Revised Penal Code or Special Criminal Laws arising from the same unlawful act or commission of an offense hereunder.

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SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected by the invalidity shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval thereof.

ENACTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 6th day of April 2020, on its 39th Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Secretary to the Sangguniang

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APPROVED:

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