



Republic of the Philippines
City Government of Muntinlupa
CITY OF MUNTINLUPA
Office of the City Mayor



EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 47
Series of 2021

**PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION OF BATA BANTAYAN POLICY
PRIMER FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF
MUNTINLUPA**

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Presidential Decree 603 provides that "Rights of the Child. - All children shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy or illegitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents, and other factors;"

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code, and issued in December 1974, legally defines special categories of youths, including youthful offenders, and directs the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) to provide comprehensive services to assist in youth development;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article 15, of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that "(t)he State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;"

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article 15 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that "(t)he State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, Article 218 of the Family Code of the Philippines states that any individual, entity or institution engaged in child care shall have special parental authority and responsibility over the minor child while under their supervision, instruction or custody;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act declared that it is the policy of the State to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty exploitation and discrimination and other conditions, prejudicial their development; provide sanctions for their commission and carry out a program for prevention and deterrence of and crisis intervention in situations of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination.

WHEREAS, United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and entered into force in September 1990. The Convention outlines in 41 Articles the human rights to be respected and protected for every child under the age of eighteen years;

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that "General Welfare. – Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, 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;"

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 7160 was enacted into law, transferring control and responsibility of delivering basic services to the hands of local government units (LGU). It aimed to enhance provision of services in the grass roots level as well as improve the efficiency in resource allocation.

WHEREAS, Department of Education Circular Order No. 40, Series of 2012, provides that "For the information and guidance of all concerned, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues the enclosed copy of the Policy and Guidelines on Protecting Children in School from Abuse, Violence, Exploitation, Discrimination, Bullying and Other Forms of Abuse entitled "DepEd Child Protection Policy;"

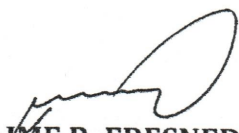
WHEREAS, Section 2 of Muntinlupa City Ordinance No. 16-172 provides that "Declaration of Policy and Principles - It is hereby declared that the policy of Muntinlupa City to develop a community that is safe, peaceful, progressive, sustainable and anchored on respect for the rights of all its citizens, foremost among which are children;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jaime R. Fresnedi, City Mayor of Muntinlupa, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree and order that:

The Bata Bantayan Policy Primer for the Welfare and Protection of the Children of the City of Muntinlupa, under the Social Services Department (SSD), is hereby approved, published and released, after its development, formulation, refinement and printing.

The SSD has strict instructions to continuously improve on its provisions to reflect changes in legislation and jurisprudence, the social situation, and economic conditions present.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 14th day of December 2021 in the City of Muntinlupa.


JAIMÉ R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

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