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CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA
 Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Muntinlupa



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-360

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR HON. ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON, IN BEHALF OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA, TO ENTER AND SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN (CWC) ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAKABATA HELPLINE PROJECT

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WHEREAS, Section 3, paragraph 2, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, ***"The State shall defend: Xxx (2) 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, Section 2, Article I of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the ***"Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act,"*** states that ***"It is the policy to provide special protection to children from all firms 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. The State shall intervene on behalf of the child when the parent, guardian, teacher or person having care or custody of the child fails or is unable to protect the child against abuse, exploitation and discrimination or when such acts against the child are committed by the said parent, guardian, teacher or person having care and custody of the same"***;

WHEREAS, *supra*, ***"The best interests of children shall be the paramount consideration in all actions concerning them, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities, and legislative bodies, consistent with the principle of First Call for Children as enunciated in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Every effort shall be exerted to promote the welfare of children and enhance their opportunities for a useful and happy life"***;



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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11188, otherwise known as “An Act for the **Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict** and Penalties In The Violations Thereof,” includes the Local Government Units nationwide as members of the *Inter-Agency Committee on Children in Situations of Armed Conflict*;

WHEREAS, Article 86(b)(1)(vi) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that “(b) **For efficient, effective, and economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Code, the City Mayor shall: (1) exercise the general supervision and control all programs, projects, services, and activities of the City, and in this connection, shall: xxx (vi) represent the city in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.**”;

WHEREAS, Rule IX, Article 47(a) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that, “**unless otherwise provided in the Code, no contract maybe entered into by the Local Chief Executive in behalf of a Local Government without prior authorization by the Sanggunian.**”;

WHEREAS, the **Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC)**, created through Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as the “*Child and Youth Welfare Code*,” is mandated to coordinate the implementation and enforcement of all laws and formulate, monitor, and evaluate policies, programs, and measures for children. It provides dynamic leadership in ensuring a child-friendly and child-sensitive society where every child fully enjoys their rights;

WHEREAS, through innovation and strategic partnerships, the CWC endeavors to improve the accessibility of child helpline services to the public nationwide, thereby strengthening its commitment to serve and protect the children based on existing laws;

WHEREAS, the development of the government-owned hotline **Makabata Helpline 1383** as the country’s focal public helpline for children, where the public can report child protection issues, will improve responsiveness and efficiency in addressing the needs of the children, as well as empower its stakeholders to take part in public safety, most especially on child safety;

WHEREAS, the CWC has executed **fourteen (14) Memoranda of Understanding with public and private partners** for the Makabata Helpline 1383, including an MOU with the **Department of Information and Communications Technology (DITC)** integrating the Makabata Helpline 1383 to the **DICT eGov Super App** to respond to child abuse concerns;

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the CWC has successfully procured its dedicated hotline number 1383 for the Makabata Helpline which is now fully operational and is currently catering to various children’s concerns reported by parents, concerned citizens, and the children themselves;



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WHEREAS, under the MOU, the CWC shall operate the helpline via call, email, or social media and act on reports of child abuse cases;

WHEREAS, this hotline Makabata 1383 is just an additional helpline for the protection of Children, aside from the Bantay Bata 163 as privately owned, among others;

WHEREAS, the **City Legal Office** has no objection to the terms and conditions in the MOU and emphasized that *“Partnering with CWC in the implementation of the Makabata Helpline is consistent with the City’s commitment to promote and ensure child’s safety and welfare. The program will ensure that the needs of children are protected and addressed through an efficient reporting and referral system. The Makabata Helpline can be promoted in the City’s various social media accounts and other platforms official website and bulletin boards, in schools, malls, places of worship, barangays and other public places to encourage people and the children themselves to report cases of abuse”*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the 10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, authorizing the **City Mayor Hon. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon**, in behalf of the City Government of Muntinlupa to enter and sign the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) on the implementation of **Makabata Helpline Project**.

ADOPTED, by the 10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, this 13th day of November, 2023, on its 70th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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(ABSENT)
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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

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CECILIA C. LAZARTE
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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 City Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

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ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON
 City Mayor

Date: 21 NOV 2023

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