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City of Iloilo
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6TH FLOOR NEW CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017.

PRESENT:

HON. JOSE S. ESPINOSA III
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

Hon. Joshua C. Alim	Member
Hon. Lady Julie Grace L. Baronda	Member
Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.	Member
Hon. R Leone N. Gerochi, <i>Asst. Floor Leader</i>	Member
Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor	Member
Hon. Plaridel C. Nava II	Member
Hon. Armand S. Parcon	Member
Hon. Eduardo L. Peñaredondo, <i>Floor Leader</i>	Member
Hon. Liezl Joy Zulueta-Salazar	Member
Hon. Jose Efrain G. Trefias III	Member
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas, M.D.	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ganzon	Member
Hon. Reyland V. Hervias, <i>Liga ng mga Barangay President</i> (On Official Travel)	Ex Officio Member

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-046
AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING "FRIDAY AS ADOLESCENTS DAY" IN ALL HEALTH CENTERS IN ILOILO CITY

Sponsored by Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas, M.D.,
duly seconded by Hon. Liezl Joy Zulueta-Salazar

WHEREAS, under Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it states that "*The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being*";

WHEREAS, adolescent age 10–19 comprise 22.2% (YAFS 2013) of the population, the age of identity crisis, the vulnerable group susceptible to conditions that are related to increase mobility, social awareness, information technology and risk taking behavior;

WHEREAS, the Adolescent and Youth Health Development Program (AYHDP) is one of the programs of the City Health Office which aims to contribute to the improvement and promotion of the total well being of the Youth 10–19 years old;

WHEREAS, the Adolescent and Youth Health Development Program (AYHDP) envisions a well informed, powered, responsible and healthy adolescents and youth and a mission to ensure that all adolescents and youth have access to quality comprehensive health care and services in an adolescents and youth friendly environment;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are health problems that arise during adolescence stage such as, intentional (suicide) and unintentional (accidents) injuries, sexual and reproductive health problems, substance use and abuse, mental health, nutritional problems and chronic diseases;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) reported that the Philippines is the only county in Southeast Asia with an increasing incidence of Teenage Pregnancy. This is supported by the results of the Young Adult Fertility Survey (YAFS 4) that teenage fertility nearly quadrupled in the past decade (2002 – 2013) from 4.1 percent in 2001 to 15.1 percent in 2013;

WHEREAS, teenage childbearing has sharply increased likely as a result of higher premarital sexual activity, increase in prevalence of early sexual exposure, poor knowledge about reproductive and low use of contraception;

WHEREAS, the 2015 Integrated HIV Behavioral & Serological Surveillance (IHBS) in Iloilo City indicated an escalating HIV problem among the adolescents where there is a gap between the first sexual intercourse to access to reproductive health service;

WHEREAS, the Philippines aims to improve the health of the mothers, infants and children in fulfilling our commitments to reaching the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals of Ending Poverty in all its forms everywhere and achieve gender quality and empower all women and girls;

WHEREAS, the City Health Office designated "Friday as Adolescent Day" since 2012 catering to Adolescents health issues and concerns such as consultation, adolescent pregnancy package, immunization, TB screening and treatment, health education and promotion, teenage pregnancy prevention, breastfeeding, HIV/AIDS counseling, smoking cessation and mental health education;

WHEREAS, the passage of this ordinance will institutionalize every Friday as Adolescent Day in all the Health Center in every districts within the City of Iloilo.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in a session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. **Title** – This ordinance shall be known as "An ordinance institutionalizing Friday as Adolescent Day in all health centers in Iloilo City";

Section 2. **Purpose** – To provide an avenue for our young adolescents facing certain issues that interaction with people trained and equipped in dealing with health development program can lessen their burdens and eventually improve their well-beings;

Section 3. **Objective** – This ordinance aims to contribute to the reduction of incidence susceptible to be committed by our adolescents aging from 10 – 19 years old by reason of their vulnerability to understand the consequences of their actions;

Section 4. **Coverage** – The Ordinance shall be observed in all Health Centers situated in all districts within the City of Iloilo. Every Friday hereof, shall be known as "Adolescent-Friendly Clinic Days", and all District Health Centers shall specifically allocate its services to cater to the issues concerning the youth and adolescents, such as, but not limited to, teenage pregnancy, drug related problems, health and sexual

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problems. This does not however limit adolescents' access to all Health Centers on any other clinic days of the week, from 8:00 in the morning to 5:00 in the afternoon, as they are still allowed to visit these centers at their most convenient time.

Section 5. Supervision and control – all programs related to the implementation of this ordinance shall be under the control and supervision of the Iloilo City Health Office.

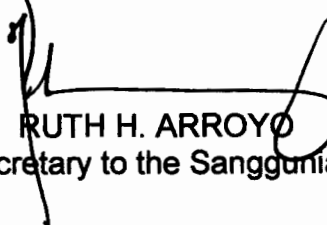
Section 6. Repealing Clause – All other ordinances, rules and regulations or part thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Separability Clause – If for any reason/s any portion or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.


Section 8. Effectivity Clause – This ordinance shall take effect immediately after approval.

ENACTED, March 28, 2017.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted ordinance.


RUTH H. ARROYO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED & CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:


JOSE S. ESPINOSA III
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


JED PATRICK E. MABILOG, D.M.
City Mayor