



METRO MANILA COUNCIL

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URGING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF METRO MANILA TO ADOPT THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (IACATVAWC) AND STRENGTHEN, ACTIVATE AND MOBILIZE EXISTING COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIAL BODIES AT THE CITY, MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVELS TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND VAWC

WHEREAS, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed into law Republic Act No. 9262 otherwise known as the “Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004” on March 8, 2004 during the celebration of the International Women’s Day which took effect on March 27, 2004;

WHEREAS, Section 39 of the Act establishes the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IACVAWC) composed of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as the chair, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) as the co-chair, and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), Department of Education (DepED), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), National Commission on the Role of the Filipino Women (NCRFW), and the Philippine National Police (PNP) as members to formulate programs and projects to eliminate violence against women and their children (VAWC) based on their mandates, develop capability building programs for their employees to become more sensitive to the needs of their clients and serve monitoring body of VAWC initiatives;

WHEREAS, Section 54 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations states the core functions of the Council as follows: a) Promotion of Anti-VAWC Act; b) Capacity Building of Stakeholders; c) Development of comprehensive program for VAWC victim-survivors; d) Networking with other stakeholders; e) Monitoring of the implementation of the Act; and f) Conduct of a research to include the integrated approach to eliminate VAWC, nature and root cause of VAWC, battered women syndrome, violence with lesbian relationships, violence committed against marginalized women, rehabilitation of VAWC perpetrators and documentation of good practices as basis for policy formulation and program development;

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WHEREAS, RA 9208 declares that the State shall give the highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration;

WHEREAS, RA 9262 underscores the commitment of the State on safeguarding the dignity of women and children while guaranteeing full respect of their human rights and to protect them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

WHEREAS, these two laws likewise provide stronger mandates and direction to relevant government agencies and stakeholders to immediately address human trafficking and VAWC by organizing Inter-Agency Councils for Trafficking, Sec. 20 of RA 9028 and VAWC (Sec. 39 of RA 9262);

WHEREAS, the purposes for creating the IACAT-VAWC at the Local Level include the following:

General:

1. To establish and strengthen an inter-agency structure that will collaboratively address the problem of trafficking and VAWC.
2. Empower and mobilize resources of the local community in the prevention, protection and recovery and reintegration of victims/survivors.

Specific

1. Establish functional parallel structures and systems at the local level which will monitor and oversee implementation of the provisions of the RA 9208 and 9262 and other women/VAW related laws and policies;
2. Establish partnership and participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs) in the development and implementation of program and activities on human trafficking and VAWC.

Functions of the local IACAT:

1. Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of RA 9208 and RA 9262, other related laws for the protection of women and children, and of the local IAC and IACTVAWC regional plan of action.
2. Create, establish and/or implement systems on surveillance, investigation and prosecution to ensure effective and efficient coordination.

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3. Create and establish systems on rescue and reintegration to ensure effective and efficient coordination.
4. Recommend, coordinate and monitor the implementation of local policies and programs to protect women and children victims of trafficking and violence.
5. Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons.
6. Undertake resource mobilization activities to fund programs, activities and projects against trafficking in persons and for the support of trafficked persons and victims of VAWC.
7. Consolidate and submit to the regional IACAT and IACATVAWC a comprehensive report on the actions and programs undertaken by the Local Government Units in support to the implementation of RA 9208 and RA 9262 on semestral basis.
8. Perform such other duties as may be directed by the regional IACAT and IACATVAWC.

Institutional Arrangements and Coordinating Procedures:

1. The local DSWD is the designated chair of the local IACAT-VAWC and DILG as the co-chair.
2. The local IACAT-VAWC shall meet and discuss membership and participation of NGOs and POs and function based on the generic template provided by the national IACAT.
3. The local IACAT-VAWC may call on the assistance of NGOs and POs working on trafficking and VAWC to assist in its formulation and implementation of localized programs and interventions to address human trafficking and VAWC whenever necessary.
4. At any level, the IAC should establish linkage with other existing bodies local councils on women and children and may invite other relevant agencies/organization to participate in its meeting and activities, whenever necessary.
5. Member agencies/institutions shall appoint a permanent-alternate representative to the Committee at the local level not lower than the Assistant Department Head who shall attend meetings/activities when the permanent representative is unavailable. At all levels, the IAC shall assign a Secretariat that will be identified by its members.
6. The funding requirements for the operations of the local committees may be taken from the Gender and Development (GAD) funds.

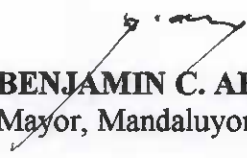
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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, pursuant to Section 6 of RA 7924, that the Council hereby Urges the Local Government Units of Metro Manila to adopt the Inter-Agency Council on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (IACATVAWC) and Strengthen, Activate and Mobilize Existing Committees, Councils, Similar Organizations and Special Bodies at the City, Municipal and Barangay Levels to Prevent and Suppress Trafficking in Persons and VAWC.

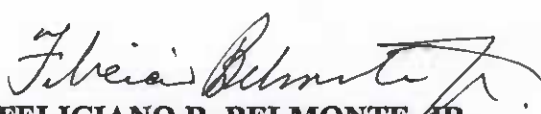
This Resolution takes effect upon approval.

DONE this 24th day of January, 2008 in Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.


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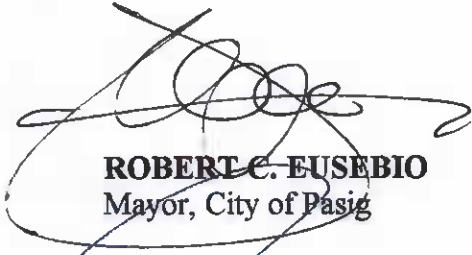

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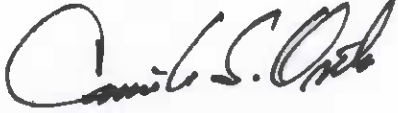

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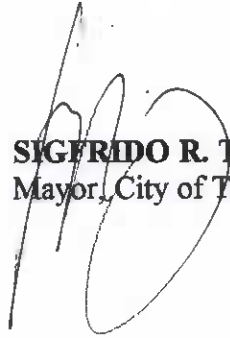
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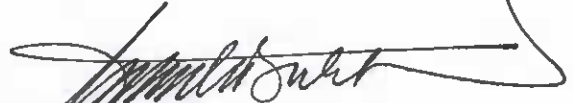
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