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AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S WELFARE CODE
OF TUNGAWAN, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 17TH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF TUNGAWAN, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY IN
ITS 28TH REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. This Code shall be known as the "Comprehensive Children's Welfare Code of
Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay.

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy and Principles*

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Municipal Government of Tungawan that the enhancement as well as the promotion and protection of rights among children as to their survival and development be given primary concern. This code shall work for the respect for the role of the family in providing children the basic needs. It is also geared to support the efforts of parents, caregivers, development workers, non-government organizations and communities in nurturing and caring for the children, from prenatal.

It shall be the policy of the Municipal Government of Tungawan to ensure that the programs aimed toward the achievement of goals for the survival, protection, education, representation as well as participation and development of children be given utmost priority. Every effort shall be made by the Municipal Government of Tungawan to guarantee that such programs are allocated with sufficient resources and are protected in times of economic severity and structural adjustments.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms:*

- a.) "Children" – refers to person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty exploitation or discrimination due to physical or mental disability or condition.
- b.) "Survival Rights" – relates to the provision in relation to parental and governmental duties and liabilities, adequate living standard and access to the basic health services and social security.
- c.) "Development Rights" – covers those which shield and guard children against all forms of child abuse exploitation and discrimination in major areas where a child is considered to be in an extremely difficult circumstances.
- d.) "Protection Rights" – covers those which shield and guard children against all forms of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination in major areas where a child is considered to be in extreme difficult circumstances.
- e.) "Representation and Participation Rights" – includes the child's freedom to express one's self in matters affecting their lives as well as the rights to proper representation in the law making body of the locality. These shall be considered part of the preparation for responsible parenthood and citizenry.

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- f.) **"Moro"** – refers to any individual belonging to any of the thirteen ethno-linguistic groups closely associated with Islam or Muslims, such as Tausug, Maranaw, Maguindanao, Samal, Yakan, Sangil, Iranun, Palawani, Jama-Mapun, Kalibugan, Kalagan and Molbog.
- g.) **"Indigenous People"** – refer to the Lumads.
- h.) **"Child Abuse"** – refers to the maltreatment of a child, whether habitual or not, which includes any of the following:
- Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
 - Any act, deed or word which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being.
 - Unreasonable deprivation of their basic needs of survival such as food and shelter, or
 - Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or permanent physical, mental incapacity or death.
- i.) **"Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children"**- includes, but are not limited to, the following
- Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities,
 - Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development or working without provision needed for their welfare;
 - Living or fending for themselves in the streets of urban and rural areas without care of parents or guardians, or without any adult supervision needed for their welfare;
 - Being a member of an indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty, or in an area which is underdeveloped and/or lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
 - Being with family members or guardians who have psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest sibling rape, lascivious acts and other forms of physical and mental abuse;
 - Being a victim of human-made or natural disaster or calamity;
 - Being a victim of an illegal transnational union or child trafficking;
 - Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.
- j.) **"Comprehensive Children's Support Systems Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination"** – refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect children against:
- Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;
 - Child Trafficking;
 - Obscene publication and indecent shows;
 - Other acts of abuse;
 - Child Labor;
 - Circumstances, which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children, or as prescribed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child.
- k.) **"Comprehensive Support System for the Development of Children"** – also refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities outlined in Section 3 of R.A 6972 and as prescribed by the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child.
- l.) **"Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children"** – refers to the Council which shall be created by the Municipal Government of Tungawan responsible for the Implementation of this code.
- m.) **"Junk Diet"** – are foodstuffs which are processed with artificial flavors, coloring and preservatives and which have been found to contain carcinogenic elements harmful for the body; or those sold beyond their expiry period.
- n.) **"Anti-Social Related Activities"** – are those acts against property, chastity and person which include, but not limited to, the following:
- Petty crimes as snatching, shoplifting, etc;

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- b. Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials;
- c. Pimping for young and old prostitutes and sexual perversions, doing or participating on obscene shows;
- d. Gambling of any form;
- e. Rape and incest; and
- f. Any other circumstances as defines in the existing laws.

ARTICLE II

PROMOTION AND PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section 1. Program on Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination.

There shall be a comprehensive program to be formulated by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development office and the Provincial Board for the Welfare of children in coordination with the special office for children's concerns, other government agencies and the private sector concerned within one(1) year from the sexual abuse; child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse; and circumstances which endanger child survival and normal development.

Section 2. Child Prostitution and Other Forms of Sexual Abuse.

Children, whether male or female, who, for money, profit, or any other consideration, or due to coercion, or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, are deemed to be children exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

The penalty as prescribed in Section 5 of Republic act No. 7610 shall be imposed upon the following:

- A. Those who engage in or promote, facilitate or induce child prostitution which include, but are not limit to the following:
 - a. Acting as procurer of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;
 - b. Inducing a person to be a client of a child prostitute by means of a written or oral advertisements or other similar means;
 - c. Entering into a relationship with or taking advantage of a child as a prostitute;
 - d. Threatening or using violence towards a child to engage him/her as a prostitute or participant in the indecent shows;
 - e. Giving monetary consideration, goods or other pecuniary benefit to a child with the intent to engage such child in prostitution.

B.) Those other persons who commit acts stated in Article III of R.A 7610 shall be Penalized accordingly, as prescribed in the same.

Section 3. Obscene Publication and Indecent Shows.

Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade or coerce a child to perform in obscene exhibitions and indecent show, wether live or in video, pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials, shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in R.A 7610.

Section 4. Sanctions for Establishment or Enterprises which Promote, Facilitate or Conduct Activities Constituting Child Prostitution and Other Sexual Abuse, Child Trafficking, Obscene Publications and other Indecent Shows.

All establishments or enterprises which promote or facilitate child prostitution and sexual abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications, indecent shows and other similar shows, and other acts of abuse shall be immediately closed and their authority or license to operate be canceled, without prejudice to the owner or manager thereof being prosecuted under this code.

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Section 5. **Child Trafficking.** Any person who shall engage in trading and dealing with children including, but not limited to, the act of buying and selling of a child for money, or for any other consideration, or barter, shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in article IV of Republic Act No. 7610, which provides that. "xxx"

Section 6. **Attempt to Commit Child Trafficking.** There is an attempt to commit child trafficking under the following circumstances:

- a. When a child below 15 years old travels alone to or from Tungawan without valid reason thereof and without clearance issued by the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children or written permit or justification from the child's parents or legal guardians;
- b. When a pregnant mother, father or guardian executes an affidavit of consent for adoption for a consideration; or consents, participates or in any manner causes the registration of the birth of such child in the name of another, with or without consideration;
- c. When a person, agency, establishment or child-caring institution recruits women or couples to bear children for the purpose of child trafficking;
- d. When a doctor, hospital or clinic official or employee, nurse, midwife, local civil registrar or any other person simulates birth for the purpose of child trafficking;
- e. When a person engages in the act of looking for children among low-income families, or in hospitals, clinics nurseries, day-care centers or other child caring institutions, who can be offered for child trafficking; or
- f. When any person, authority, agency or institution has witnessed any yet failed to report transactions related to child trafficking.

A penalty prescribed in Article IV of Republic Act No. 7610 shall be imposed upon the principals of the attempt to commit child trafficking under this code. In addition, a one-month community service shall be imposed for the commission and omission of acts under Section 4. Such service shall be defined by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO).

Section 7. **Other Acts and/or Conditions Prejudicial to the Child's Development.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell liquor, cigarette, illegal drugs and other items detrimental to the development of the child. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the penalty for the commission of such acts as prescribed in Article VI of republic Act No. 7610 shall be imposed. The Victim of the act committed under this section shall be entrusted to the care of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO).

Section 8. **Control on Children's Exposure to Commercial Video Games.**

Commercial establishments catering rental of electronic video games to children during school days from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon shall be subjected to suspension of business permit for fifteen (15) days during the first offense and, one (1) month suspension of the same for the second offense. Confiscation of all video units of said establishments and cancellation of business permit shall constitute the penalty for the third offense.

Section 9 A. **Monitoring of Suspended Cases of Children and Appropriate Assistance.**

Application for suspension of sentences of children involved in anti-social activities shall be done by the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children (MCWC). A special team from the Council headed by the MSWDO shall monitor closely the cases involving children in court to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences. Appropriate and responsive rehabilitation program shall be afforded to them under the care of MCWC. The framework of assistance shall be designated by MCWC in coordination with the ZDSSWC and other institution with special interests on rehabilitation.

Section 9B. **Appointment of Child and Youth Relations Officer and Police Procedures.**

The Police Station in the municipality shall have a Child and Youth Relations Officer tasked to handle cases involving children. Child-friendly police procedures shall be implemented as contained in the Police Handbook on the Management of Cases of Children in Especially Difficult Circumstance. Each PNP element shall be provided a copy of the said handbook.

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Section 9C. **PNP Attendance to Training and Seminars Related to Children.**

Training and seminars for members of the Philippine National Police designed to handle effectively the children involved in anti-social activities shall be attended to by all police officers, especially those who are interested to be assigned with the Child and Youth Relations Section (CYRS) in each PNP detachment.

Section 9D. **Police Brutality.** Any brutality committed against children by police authorities shall be subjected to penalty under this ordinance as determined by the Municipal People's Law Enforcement Board without prejudice to provisions of the Revised Penal Code.

Section 10. **Employment of Children. Children as Defined in this Code shall not be Employed Provided that:**

- a. The minimum requirements as stated in Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7610 shall be present; and
- b. The employer shall register the child to the MCWC to enjoy benefits and other special protection as may be provided for by the said special council tasked to formulate rules and regulations.

The MCWC shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this section.

Section 10A. **Prohibition on the employment of Children in Certain Advertisements.** No person shall employ a child to model in all forms of commercial or advertisements promoting alcoholic beverages, intoxicating drinks, tobacco and its by products, junk food, and violence.

Section 10B. **Penalties.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7610.

Section 11. **Specialized Team of Educators for Moro Indigenous People's Children.** In addition to the rights guaranteed to indigenous and Moro children under R.A 7610 and other existing educators to look into the appropriateness of curriculum for the indigenous and Moro children in the different barangays of the municipality, to design training for teachers assigned to their communities which is culture-specific and relevant to the needs and existing situation of their communities.

Section 11A. **Creation of Moro and Indigenous People's Council.** A council for Moro and Indigenous communities in the municipality shall be created to facilitate planning, decision making, implementation, and evaluation of all government programs affecting children of indigenous and MORO people. NGOs focused on these communities shall also be recognized, respected and represented to the Council.

Section 12. **Children as Social Indicators of Local Condition.** Children are hereby declared as Social Indicators of Local Condition. It shall be the responsibility of the Local Government of Tungawan and all other sectors concerned to resolve armed conflicts in order to realize the UN convention on the Rights of a Child.

Section 13. **Respect for the International Covenants Relevant to Armed-Conflict.**

The Local Government of Tungawan undertakes to respect and to ensure respect for rules of international humanitarian law applicable to Philippine political armed conflict which are relevant to the child. Specifically the following policies shall be observed:

- a. Children shall not be object of attack and shall be entitled to special respect. They shall be protected from any form of threat, assault, torture or other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment;
- b. Children shall not be recruited to become members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or its civilian units or other armed groups, nor be allowed to take part in the fighting, or used as guides, or couriers, or spies;
- c. Delivery of basic social services shall be kept unhampered;

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- d. The safety and protection of those who provide services, including those involved in fact-finding missions from both government and non-government institutions, shall be ensured. They shall not be subjected to undue harassment in the performance of their work;
- e. Public infrastructure, such as schools, hospitals and rural health units shall not be utilized for military purpose, such as command post, barracks, detachments, and supply deposits; and,

All appropriate steps shall be taken to facilitate the reunion of families temporarily separated due to armed conflict.

Section 13A. **Evacuation of Children during Armed Conflict.** Children shall be given priority during evacuations as a result of armed conflict. Existing people's organizations shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

Section 13B. **Family Life and Temporary Shelter.** Whenever possible, members of the same Family shall be housed in the same premises and given separate accommodation from other evacuees and provided with facilities to lead a normal family life. In places of temporary shelter, expectant and nursing mothers and children shall be given additional food in proportion to their physiological needs. Whenever feasible, children shall be given opportunities for physical exercise, sports and outdoor games.

Section 13C. **Children and Family Psycho-Social Program.** It is important for the children and their families that they shall be part of a psycho-social program. The MCWC shall implement in coordination with the ZSSCWC the comprehensive psycho-social program for both children and their families affected by the armed-conflict.

Section 13D. **Rights of Children Arrested for Reasons Related to Armed Conflict.** Any child who has been arrested for reasons related to armed conflict, either as combatant, courier, guide or spy is entitled to the following rights:

- a. Separate detention from adults except where families are accommodated as family rights;
- b. Immediate free legal assistance;
- c. Immediate notice of such arrest to the parents or guardian of the child; and
- d. Release of the child on recognizance within twenty-four (24) hours to the custody of the MCWC, or any responsible member of the community as determined by the court.
- e. If, after the hearing the evidence in the proper proceedings, the court should find that the aforesaid child has committed the acts charged against him/her, the court shall determine the imposable penalty, including any civil liability chargeable against him/her. However, instead of pronouncing judgment of conviction, the court shall suspend all further proceedings and shall commit such child to the custody or care to the MCWC or to any training institution operated by the government, or duly-licensed agencies or any other responsible person, until he/she has reached eight (18) years of age or, for a shorter period as the court may deem proper, after considering the reports and recommendations of the MCWC, or the agency, or responsible individual under whose carte he/she has been committed.
- f. The aforesaid child shall be subjected to visitation and supervision by a representation of the MCWC, or any duly-licensed agency, or such other, officer as the courts may designate to such conditions as it may prescribe.

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Section 13E. **Monitoring and Reporting of Children in situations of Armed Conflict.** The Chair-Person or any designated official of the Barangay affected by the armed conflict submit the names of children residing in said barangay to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer within twenty-four (24) hours from the occurrence of the armed conflict.

Section 14. **Barangay Selective Ban or Benefit Dance in the Barangays.** Barangay level fund-Raising activities shall not include "benefit dance" as defined in this Ordinance. Culturally relevant activities shall be promoted instead of promoting young women as commodities during "benefit dances". A penalty shall be imposed to the organizers of the benefit dance by the Provincial Court accordingly for the violation of this provision.

Section 15. **Curfew on Minors.** For the protection of children below 15 years of age, they shall be prohibited from loitering around, or sleeping in public places, after 10 o'clock in the evening, until 4 O'clock in the morning of the following day, unless they are in company with their parents or guardians.

- a. A penalty equivalent to a whole day seminar on duties and responsibilities of children and parents shall be imposed on the parents or guardians of the violators of this provision.
- b. A 15-day community service, as determined by the local court, shall be imposed as penalty for second-time offenders.

ARTICLE III

SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section I. **Under Five Program Framework.** The local government of Tungawan shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child. The program on survival and development shall include the following:

- a. Monitoring of registration of births and the completion of the immunization series for prevention of tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis and other diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children up to five (5) years of age;
- b. Growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake at home;
- c. Care for children of working parents during the day and, where feasible, care for children up to five (5) years of age when parents are working at nights; Provided, that the day care center need to take care of the children in a particular place but shall develop a network of homes where adults may take care of the children up to five (5) years of age of working parents during work hours, with adequate supervision from the Supervising Social Welfare Officer of the MCWC; Provided, further, that, where young children are left to the care of a paid domestic, an elderly relative or older children's care meets adequate standards whereby the children, even in the absence of their parents during working hours;
- d. Materials and network of surrogate parents-teachers who will provide intellectual and mental stimulation to the children, as well as supervised wholesome recreation, with a balance program of supervised play, mental stimulation activities, and group activities with peers;
- e. A temporary center for abused, neglected or exploited children before bringing them to the Provincial Center which endangers the child, or which has exposed the child to cruelty and abuse; Provided that the center, with the help and support of the barangay officials and their barangay-level support, may call upon law enforcement agencies when the child needs to be rescued from an unbearable home situation;



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- f. A Reproductive Health Care Center for pregnant mothers for prenatal and neonatal care and, in the proper case, for delivery of the infant under condition which will remove minimize risk to mother and child; Provided, that high-risk mothers shall be referred to the proper tertiary or secondary care service personnel and children who are at risk from any condition or illness will be brought for care; Provided, further, that *hilot* and barangay health workers are provided the needed basic training for normal delivery and care trained to recognize high-risk pregnancies which should be referred to competent obstetrical and pediatric medical care for mother and child who are at risk;

A barangay level network of assistance from among the adults of the barangay for the total development and protection of children.

Unstructured combined with structured learning exercises for children under the early childhood education shall be instituted in the children centers, or day care centers respecting the participation right of the child.

A pool of trained day care or child development workers with an upgraded salary scheme commensurate to the tasks assigned.

Section 1A. Early Childhood Care and Development Program. The Local Government of Tungawan shall initiate for the care of 0-2 year old children through the Early Childhood Care and Development Program and that supervision of 0-2 year old, a daily 8-hour programme, if needed shall be initiated every day.

Section 1B. Population-Based Day-Care Center Setting Up. The day care centers shall be set up in every barangay. Number of such centers shall depend on the population level of the children and how depressed the barangay is, as determined by the MCWC in coordination with the MSWD Office. Parents Program shall form part of this early childhood education.

Section 1C. Promotion of Primary Health Care Program. The barangay Health Centers shall implement the Primary Health Care Program. Each barangay health Center shall have a Barangay Child Health Officer tasked to monitor child health in the barangay level with a salary commensurate to the task assigned.

To further ensure the implementation of art. III Section 1C of this code, the local government of Tungawan, in particular, shall take appropriate measures:

C1.) combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care, through the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risk of environmental pollution.

C2.) establish a comprehensive Parents Orientation Development Program which includes courses on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices in the context of the Filipino psychology.

C3.) monitor the full implementation of the Milk code of the Philippines and advocate for the prosecution of milk firms which violate the code.

C4.) conduct massive information and education on breast feeding. Utilizing existing reference materials for effective breast feeding education program. And that students in all levels are required to take up breast feeding course which shall be an integral part of all curricula.

Section 2. Comprehensive Training Course on Child Health. All health practitioners dealing with child health in government, NGO's or private institutions shall be required to complete a Comprehensive Training Course on Child Health. No one shall practice his or her health profession without the updated certificate of completion of this training course which shall be designed by the Task Force on Child Health, or as prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations of this ordinance.

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Violation of this provision constitutes a penalty of cancelled of license to practice profession.

Section 3. **Child-Friendly Clinics in Tungawan.** All clinics in the municipality shall set up child Friendly units to include rooming-in-facilitaties and pediatrics-appropriate mechanisms and gadgets.

Section 4. **Survey and Active Program for Differently-Abled Children.** The Local Government of Tungawan shall make a periodic comprehensive survey on the differently-abled individuals of the municipality which should be child-focused and specific. It is basic to achieve a more systematic coordination of service (health nutrition and education) for children with special needs.

Section 5. **Investment in Educators and Health Professional Training Programme for Special Program with Different-Abled Children.** Training program for educators and health professional handling differently-abled children shall form part of the priority of the local government of Tungawan.

Section 6. **Barangay – Level Recreational and cultural Facilities and Program. A**
Barangay-level program for the revival of indigenous games reflective of the cultural diversity in Tungawan shall be installed. The Local Government of Tungawan shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for children's gender and age. A regular cultural program appropriate for each children's age-group and gender shall be designed with due respect to cultural diversity.

Section 7. **Local Children's Literature.** In support to the socio-cultural development of children in Tungawan, the local government of Tungawan shall invest in the production of local literature for children or other relevant materials.

Section 8. **Parenting Orientation Course.** Marriage license applicants shall be required to participate to a Parenting Orientation Course I, among other requirement, prior to the issuance of marriage license by the Civil Registrar. This course becomes an integral part of existing Family Planning Seminar or Reproductive Health Course. The MCWC in close coordination with the Municipal Health Office and the Civil Registry Office shall update the family planning seminar in recognition of this Code.

- a. Parent-applicants for birth certificates of their child shall be required to participate to a Parenting Orientation Course II, as a follow-up to their first course before issuance of Certificate of Live Birth by the Civil Registrar, without prejudice to the early registration of birth requirements under existing law.
- b. Implementing guidelines for this ordinance shall be formulated by the MCWC in close coordination with the Office of the civil Registrar.
- c. Modules for these courses shall be designed by the MCWC and the Municipal Social welfare and Development Office in close coordination with NGO child focused programs.

ARTICLE IV
PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section 1. **Participation of Children in Decision-Making Process.** The children in the family, School, community or other organizations or institutions shall be heard. Each child, regardless of sex, age and tribe, has the right to express his or her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account in any matter or produce affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express his or her views obtain information, make ideas or information known, regardless of tribe, religion, age and sex.

Section 2. **Installation of Mechanism of Participation in Policy and Program Formulation in the Local Government.** It is important to consult the children and provide venue for their expression of views relevant to the LGU of Tungawan Policies. It is therefore proper that seven to twelve (7-12) years old and the

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thirteen to eighteen (13-18) years old are convened through their representatives in a once a year basis, specifically during the children's month, every October. NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall be part of the process in both preparation and evaluation of the convention. Detailed implementing rules and guidelines shall be drafted by the Sangguniang Kabataan Secretariat, in coordination with the MCWC.

ARTICLE V IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

Section 1. **Creation of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children.** The Municipality of Tungawan shall create and organize the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children (MCWC) which shall be composed of representatives coming from the different government agencies:

- a. Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO)
- b. Municipal Health Office (MHO)
- c. Department of Education (Dep. Ed)
- d. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)
- e. Municipal Budget Office (MBO)
- f. Municipal Local Government Operation Office (MLGOO)
- g. Media
- h. Public Employment Service Office (PESO)
- i. PNP Women's Desk
- j. Public Attorney's Office (PAO)
- k. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)

Representatives from the following sectors may also be invited.

- a. Sangguniang Kabataan Foundation
- b. People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB)
- c. NGOs dealing with women and children's concerns
- d. Youth, whether In-School, Out-Of-School, or Youth with special Needs

Section 1A. **Objectives of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children.** The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children (MCWC) shall be created to reinforce the capacity of the Municipal Social welfare and Development Office in realizing the provisions of this Code. It shall act as a regulatory body for the operations of all existing programs and projects designed for children. More specifically, the MCWC shall have the following objectives:

- a. Promote the implementation of the provisions of the UN Convention of the rights of the Child;
- b. Educate the stakeholders and the members of the Tungawan community of the Convention of the rights of the child;
- c. Design and implement programs to enhance the well-being of the children of the municipality;
- d. Ensure the proper allocation of resources for children's concerns
- e. Protect the Rights of the Child; and
- f. Monitor the implementation of this code and the respect of the UN Convention of the rights of the Child

Periodically assess and evaluate the plans and programs of the council and assist in the refinement of the implementing rules and guidelines of this Code.

Section 2. **Components of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children.** The council shall have the following components to orchestrate its various program and projects consistent with the provision of this Code, national issuances and international covenants:



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- a. Reception and Study Center
- b. Psycho-social rehabilitation Centers for children in Extremely difficult circumstances
- c. Children's Hospital/Clinic
- d. Child's rights Advocacy and Campaign
- e. Early childhood Care and Development Program
- f. Legal Assistance Program

**ARTICLE VI
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. **Rules and Regulations.** Unless otherwise provided in this Code, the Committee on Good Government Ethics and Oversight in the Legislative Council of Tungawan in coordination with the MCWC shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Code.

Section 2. **Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the Annual Implementation Plan, specifically, 5% of the gross income of the Local Government of Tungawan and additional 1.5% from each additional fund from other sources.

Section 3. **Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Code is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


Section 4. **Repealing Clause.** All Codes, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provision of this Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. **Effectivity Clause.** This Code shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

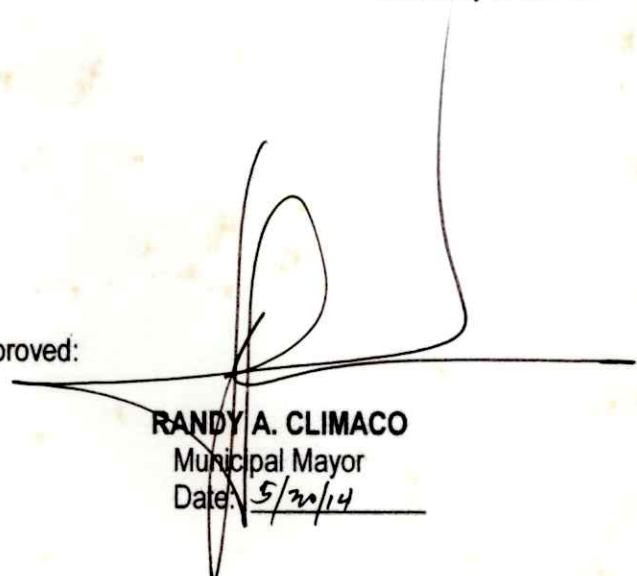
ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of April, 2014 at Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay.


DANTE D. IBARRA
Secretary to the SB

Attested and Certified
to be duly Adopted:


ABDURAUP A. ABISON
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding

Approved:


RANDY A. CLIMACO
Municipal Mayor
Date: 5/20/14