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**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-046**  
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**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAGA CITY INTEGRATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE RESOURCE AND ACTION CENTER, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS OPERATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Naga has been on a constant development upswing for the past decades, and its citizens have been both the recipients and participants of this socio-economic growth;

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the Naga City Government to ensure that such a momentum of development is maintained not only for the succeeding years, but for the longer-term;

**WHEREAS**, the realities of the ever-increasing threats of a worldwide trend of intensifying weather disturbances and threats of natural calamities such as typhoons, monsoon rains and floods, droughts, earthquakes, and many more, exacerbated by humanity's abuse and unsustainable use of natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, there are also the hazards posed by the consequences - unintended or not, of peoples' actions, including criminality and terrorism, fires, medical emergencies, and natural calamities;

**WHEREAS**, all these pose a danger to the lives and properties of the people, most especially to the most vulnerable marginalized socio-economic sectors of our society;

**WHEREAS**, the realization of such risks to development and socio-economic justice have led to international and national responses, embodied in the mandate and operations of the disaster and risk reduction management systems from the national down to the community levels;

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**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Naga City Government to take full cognizance of such threats, and maximize the contribution of the DRRM structures and approaches, especially since our geographic and geological location makes our citizens vulnerable to natural and man-made calamities and emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, as an initial step towards addressing such responsibility, the 12<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod, thru the Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Disaster Management mandated the formation of a Technical Working Group to conduct a disaster preparedness audit to assess the level of preparedness of the city's major institutions to objectively determine the specific needs for improving the Naga City's capacities for responding to natural and man-made risks;

**WHEREAS**, such audit, through a follow-up presentation of results and consultations with representatives of the city's institutions, generated both general and particular recommendations for raising the level of preparedness for calamities, including the need for a comprehensive and standardized system of trainings for disaster preparedness and responses for major institutions, the capacitation of barangays through facilities and trainings, the upgrading and upscaling of facilities and resources, tighter coordination and communication among DRRM stakeholders, and other suggestions.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, therefore, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

**SECTION 1: Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Naga City Integrated Emergency Response and Resilience Resource Action Center" Ordinance

**SECTION 2: Policy Statement.** The protect the Nagueño from the threats and risks of natural and man-made calamities and adequately respond to emergencies, and therefore ensure the continuing and long-term social and economic development of the City of Naga, the city government must aggressively upgrade, upscale, and integrate its disaster and risk reduction management system.

**SECTION 3: Vision and Mandate.** The aspiration of this ordinance is a Naga City that is both adequately equipped and capable of responding to emergencies and calamities, and also forward-looking through a high level of readiness for such situations, thus contributing to enhancing the city's resiliency.

This positive, pro-active and developmental perspective shall be concretized and operationalized through the establishment of the Naga City Integrated Emergency Response and Resilience Response and Action Center (NC IE3RAC).

**SECTION 4: Structure and Functions.** The multiple roles in readiness and responsiveness, as well as its long-term mandate for the city requires the creation of several organizational mechanisms and functions.

**4.1. Management and Coordination**

The NC I3RAC shall be coordinated and managed by a central committee of representatives of stakeholders, both from the government and private sectors, and headed by the Local Chief Executive.

**4.2. Program Components**

Four (4) development and capability building program components shall be established to fulfill its integrative, forward-looking, and multiple functionality, to be supervised by a respective Program Manager.

**a. Operations, Management and Response Capabilities**

This component shall oversee and ensure the efficient and effective operations and response to the key needs of the city. These include disaster and emergency response through the Unified Rapid Response Team (URRT), and traffic management under a Traffic Management Center (TMC). These functions shall be coordinated by the Central Communications Center (3C).

**b. Equipment and Physical Resource Capabilities**

The NC IE3RAC shall be fully equipped with the necessary and state of the art facilities to respond to all types of emergencies. Furthermore, communities and institutions may not possess adequate or appropriate equipment, tools, or supplies to respond to all types of emergency situations. The NC IE3RAC shall organize a physical resource pool to lend to communities or organizations during special needs.

**c. Technological Capabilities**

A progressive research and development office shall be a key component, accessing the latest technology, and adapting these to the specific conditions and needs of the city. This includes weather tracking and prediction; infrastructure design and testing; and legal, organizational and management research.

**d. Disaster Preparedness Training for Citizens and Institutions**

This center shall initiate and continue to develop a Comprehensive Readiness and Resilience Education Program (CRREP) that will not only provide skills training for preparedness, but inculcate the appropriate values and attitudes for readiness and resiliency. The program shall thus provide a holistic learning and training approach towards preparedness and resiliency.