

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-001

RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO THE CITY'S PROGRAMS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SOCIETY'S MORAL AND SOCIAL VALUES BY CALLING UPON THEM TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES INTO AN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL THAT SHALL SERVE AS DYNAMIC PARTNER AND COUNSEL OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT:-

WHEREAS, the role of the churches to instill good citizenship and moral values in the people may be shared with the City Government's vision of "responsible and God-fearing Nagueños;

WHEREAS, the City Government believes, just as the churches does, that the goal of government is not simply to put as much food on the table or build more avenues for leisure and pleasure. The city and churches must effectively engage the hearts and minds of the governed and faithful to make such efforts sustainable;

WHEREAS, the city's present stature as one of the country's models local government units on good governance, transparency and accountability cannot only be attributed to its officials, employees and presence of an empowered civil society but also the existence of a vigilant and socially responsive community of churches;

WHEREAS, programs such as but not limited to taking good care of the poor, building solid and more resilient communities, preservation of the moral fiber, character formation of children and youth, combating of HIV-AIDS, domestic violence, crime, unemployment and corruption, can be more effective and responsive, if supported by a collective community obligation where the people, the government, the churches and the civic sector work together;

WHEREAS, the challenge of improving our people's quality of living may be better addressed thru a strong partnership onwards may be between the City Government and the churches on developmental programs, projects and activities towards achieving the city's vision of "Maogmang Naga";

WHEREAS, this bond may be strengthened, enhanced and sustained should the various leaders of churches and faiths be organized themselves into an ECUMENICAL COUNCIL – an inter-faith organization envisioned to assist the City Government together with the civil society in furthering the city's efforts in molding Nagueños, especially the youth, to become more civic oriented and socially responsible citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim and recognize the valuable contribution of religious institutions to the city's programs aimed at promoting the society's moral and social values by calling upon them to constitute themselves into an Ecumenical Council that shall serve as dynamic partner and counsel of the City Government

Issued this 26th day of January, 2011 at Naga City, Philippines.

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor

By Authority of the City Mayor:

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