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City Government of Naga

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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS (SOYA) DURING THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY EVERY 12TH OF AUGUST AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF: -

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Explanatory Note

WHEREAS, Article II Declaration of Principles and State Policies Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution 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. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, Article XI Accountability of Public Officers Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

WHEREAS, the State acknowledges the youth's importance in nation-building and their role in the country's future. Deemed as the harbingers and catalysts of change, the youth is a fountain of novel ideas and initiatives which can bring about greater impacts on our community. They are innate problem-solvers who embody values and virtues that can help address the social realities that the youth sector is facing today;

WHEREAS, in line with such a notion, the City Government of Naga, in its continuous championship of participatory governance, has always been at the forefront of ensuring the existence of avenues beyond those mandated by the national law for effective and genuine youth representation and participation;

WHEREAS, youth representatives, in serving as such, are deemed as public servants who shall be driven by a unified mandate of devising and implementing programs and initiatives catering to the interests of the youth sector. Moreover, they shall embody the principles of good governance, such as accountability, transparency, integrity, and excellence to ensure public trust;

WHEREAS, it is the right of the public to be aware of the existing and planned programs directed toward them. This shall serve as a reflection of the credibility and reliability of the office in the fulfillment of its mandate. Moreover, this encourages active participation among the masses;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure the creation of an ordinance strengthening the public trust in the youth sector by mandating an annual State of the Youth Address, a cumulative report of sectoral councils of the City Government of Naga;



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WHEREAS, the State of the Youth Address shall reflect the actual situation and state of the youth in the status quo of the City of Naga and shall include future plans that address the current problems being faced by the youth sector.

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Naga City State of the Youth Address Ordinance."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This ordinance mandates the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation (SKF), through its President as the highest youth governing body in the community, to present a cumulative report of all youth sectoral councils in the City Government of Naga. It shall contain the current realities of the youth sector, landmark initiatives promoting the interest of the same, and plans directed toward youth development and involvement. It shall also be clear about its progress on the executive, legislative, and research agenda, in line with the Local Youth Development Plan (LYDP).

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. The enactment of this ordinance shall be in accordance with the following guiding principles:

- 1. Public servants are bound to the highest level of standards in the conduct of their respective duties. As such, they are to be held accountable or responsible for every decision and action made while in position;
- Excellence in the performance of duty is manifested in the creation and deliverance of programs and policies that are genuinely in accordance with the interests and needs of the people who are meant to be represented by the office at present;
- 3. Transparency ensures awareness as to the manner of conduct of the public official. This shall make way for scrutiny to occur, which is necessary for the general improvement of existing programs, policies, and, consequently, the overall system of governance;
- 4. Participative governance provides the stakeholders the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process in the creation of programs directed toward them;
- 5. Collaboration among all youth institutions and organizations ensures that all efforts directed remain efficient and anchored towards the achievement of a clear unified vision for the youth sector.
- 6. It is essential that the City gives necessary credit and acknowledgment of the efforts of all those who made significant contributions to the positive youth development in Naga City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following shall mean:

 Youth - shall refer to individuals whose age ranges from 15 to 30 years old, which include but are not limited to the following: Sangguniang Kabataan Members, Naga City





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Youth Officials, and other youth organizations duly organized and recognized by the Barangay and City levels.

- 2. In-School Youth shall refer to all youth studying, whether organized or not, and presently enrolled within any academic or vocational institutions including but not limited to the following school organizations (academic or non-academic), student government or councils, accredited barangay and city organizations, fraternities, and sororities.
- 3. Out-of-School Youth these are the youth, whether organized or not, who are unable to avail or have dropped out of the formal school system due to the restrictions of their current circumstance in life, such as but not limited to financial restrictions, health limitations, etc. They can also refer to youth who recently graduated but are not yet part of the workforce.
- 4. Special Youth are youth with disabilities or those who suffered physical and mental defects, as well as youth with special needs such as but not limited to those who are drug dependents, in conflict with the law, and those who were caught in armed conflicts.
- 5. Working Youth are youth who are currently employed on a regular or temporary basis.
- 6. SOYA means State of the Youth Address which is an annual cumulative report of accomplishments, plans, and landmark initiatives for youth involvement and development presented by the Sangguniang Kabataan President.
- 7. NCCYD means Naga City Council for Youth Development which is a council tasked for youth development and involvement of the City Government of Naga.
- 8. Naga City Youth Officials is a government internship initiative of the City Government of Naga composed of 48 chosen and deserving youth aged 15-24 years old who shall take the reins of serving governmental functions with their City Officials counterparts. They shall have a one-year term to plan and implement programs and projects that would cater to the interests of the youth sector of Naga City.
- 9. Youth Sectoral Representatives are chosen youth representatives from different sub-sectors of the youth that shall compose the State of the Youth Address Council.
- 10. Sangguniang Kabataan is a council of elected and appointed youth leaders in each barangay mandated to serve the community by empowering the youth and its role in nation-building.
- 11. Sangguniang Kabataan President is the elected chairperson of the federated Sangguniang Kabataan Barangay chairpersons, an ex-officio member of the said council in the Sangguniang Panlungsod and is the highest governing youth body in the City Government of Naga. They shall also be the chairperson of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.



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SECTION 5. STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS COMMITTEE. It is hereby constituted to provide a consistent, rational, and unified formulation and implementation of this Ordinance.

1. **COMPOSITION.** The composition thereof shall be stated as follows:

Chairperson: SK Federation President (in the absence of the foregoing official, the incumbent City Youth Mayor shall be the automatic

Chairperson of the Council)

Vice Chairperson: Incumbent City Youth Mayor

Secretary: Head of Office, Naga City Youth Development

Office

Members: Area Officer, National Youth Commission

CYO SP Chairman of Committee on Youth and

Sports

President, Naga City Federation of Student

Governments

President, Naga City Federation of Campus

Publications

President, Naga City PWD Youth Association Representative, Out-of-School Youth Sub-

sector

Representative, Working Youth Sub-sector

Naga City People's Council Youth

Representative

Head of Office, City Events, Protocol, and

Public Information Office (CEPPIO)

Sub-sector representatives shall be determined through votation during an assembly of all accredited or duly constituted youth organizations in the City of Naga belonging to a particular youth sub-sector.

Provided, that the representatives from the youth subsectors, who shall be serving a term of three (3) years, shall belong to an accredited or duly constituted youth organization of the City of Naga and that these youth representatives may designate a permanent alternate member to represent them in meetings and activities of the Committee.

- 2. STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS COMMITTEE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The members of the SOYA Committee shall be bound to the following responsibilities:
 - A. Shall prepare the state of the youth address, which shall include but not be limited to the following contents:
 - a. A comprehensive report on defining the situation or state of the youth of Naga City, Camarines Sur.
 - b. An accomplishment report on the past programs and initiatives directed towards the youth sector during the previous year, as well as its progress on the executive, legislative, and research agenda, in line with the Local Youth Development Plan (LYDP).
 - c. A presentation of future plans for the coming year.
 - d. A detailed liquidation report of the financial and budget allocated for all the projects.





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- B. The Chairperson of the State of the Youth Address Committee shall be the one to deliver the State of the Youth Address.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for handling all the paperwork, collating necessary documents, and archiving a copy of the State of the Youth Address speech and reports. Moreover, contacting necessary offices in pursuit of executing the State of the Youth Address shall be made by this representation.
- D. The members, specifically the sub-sector Presidents/ Representatives (Naga City Federation of Student Governments, Naga City Federation of Campus Publications, Naga City PWD Youth Association, Out-of-School Youth Sub-sector, Working Youth Sub-sector), shall collate all the approved projects and programs, proposals, liquidation reports, and future plans of their respective organizations and shall be submitted to the Secretariat Committee for purposes specified under Section 9 of this ordinance. They may also coordinate with the Seal of Good Youth Governance Performance Assessment Team to gather necessary documentation as necessary.
- E. Shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions determined or delegated or as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

SECTION 6. CONDUCT OF STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS. The State of the Youth Address shall be delivered live in front of the general public and shall be simultaneously broadcasted on the Naga City Government and any available media outlet in Naga City through the assistance of City Events, Protocol and Public Information Office (CEPPIO) and the Naga City Hall Press Corps. The City Mayor, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, youth representatives of the various accredited and associate youth organizations and councils of the Naga City People's Council, youth representatives, and the citizens of Naga City shall be invited and welcomed to attend the said event.

SECTION 7. DATE OF OBSERVANCE. The State of the Youth Address shall be conducted annually every 12th of August as part of the celebration of International Youth Day, a commemoration and recognition of the youth's impact in community involvement and development for the greater good, and the observance of Linggo ng Kabataan, as stipulated in Section 30a of RA 10742 or the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015. However, should the celebration fall on a weekend or be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, the address shall be held on the immediate Monday following the said date.



SECTION 8. PUBLICATION OF STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS. The State of the Youth Address shall be published on the Naga City Government Facebook Page not more than two days after the conduct of the said event. There shall also be a hard copy of the SOYA report for availability of in-person dissemination. Moreover, all Naga City school publications are required to publish it in their school papers for a wider reach.

SECTION 9. OPERATIONALIZING DATA FROM THE STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS (SOYA) - To ensure that the data and reports rendered during the State of the Youth Address are effectively utilized in



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policy-making, program development, and the overall improvement of youth services in Naga.

- 1. DATA REVIEW, ANALYSIS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY: All data and reports that will be presented during SOYA must be fully reviewed and analyzed by the SK Federation and the Naga City Council for Youth Development. Within 30 days postaddress, in their immediate regular/ special sessions, they must also pass a resolution adopting and/or recommending to the concerned bodies the findings of the review and analysis.
- 2. MONITORING AND RESPONSE: 30 days following the passage of the resolutions, the SK Federation of Naga City and the Naga City Council for Youth Development shall jointly convene and present in their session the action plan addressing the matters that come up from the SOYA.
- 3. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND FEEDBACK MECHANISM: A public feedback mechanism will be instituted, allowing citizens to provide input and scrutinize the use of SOYA data. This can be through online platforms, community forums, or town hall meetings hosted by the SK Federation of Naga City.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance shall be incorporated into the budget of the Naga City Youth Development Office (NCYDO). The amount to be determined shall cover the basic expenses necessary for the deliverance of the State of the Youth Address, such as but not limited to accommodation, rentals, food expenses, publications, and many more.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof shall not be affected by such declaration and shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This code shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 11, 2024.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

CECILIA B. VELUZ-DE ASIS

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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