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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 47TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO DEL NORTE (TERM 2019-2022) HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER (CAPITOL), TAGUM CITY, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Present:

Hon. Rey T. Uy

Hon. Silvino P. Matobato, Jr., PTRP

Hon. Robert L. So

Hon. Nicandro T. Suaybaguio, Jr., UAP

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Hon. Roger A. Laguna

Hon. Denise Marianne A. Lu, MD Hon. Dindo C. Parangan

Hon. Ariel S. Macla

Hon. Emerson Dave A. Silutan, LPT

Vice Governor (Regular Presiding Officer) Member/PCL (Temporary Presiding Officer)

Senior Board Member

Member

Member

Member Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member/FABC

Member/IPMR

Member/SKPFP

On Official Business:

Hon. Roy J. Catalan

Member (Kapalong)

Absent: None

Sponsors: Hon. Dindo C. Parangan, Hon. Robert L. So, Hon. Janris Jay G. Relampagos, Hon. Franklin D. Gentiles, CE, Hon. Nicandro T. Suaybaguio, Jr., UAP, Hon. Roger A. Laguna and Hon. Denise Marianne A. Lu, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With its precarious location within the so-called, "Pacific Ring of Fire," the Philippines is considered to be one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world where storms, flashfloods, landslides, earthquakes, and other geological hazards, not to mention man-made calamities, batter the country every year.

During the Third World Wide Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Miyagi, Japan, in March 14-18, 2015, wherein the Philippines is among the participants, a Sendai (Protocol) framework for Disaster Reduction for 2015-2030 was achieved and set priorities for action among others in enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to "build back better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction through global and regional levels, as well as on national and local levels with emphasis on strengthening community based participation on disaster preparedness and response.

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With the enactment of Republic Act No. 10121, which strengthens the country's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System, Local Government Units are duty-bound to implement preparedness and mitigation measures as key strategies in reducing risks in the occurrence of calamities.

The creation of community-based quick response team, such as the Province-wide ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS is consistent with this mandate and thus an effective way to solidify the preparedness of the Province to respond to various disasters/calamities.

The Province-wide ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS is an offshoot of the successful Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Program of the Province. It shall be composed of trained responders coming from all barangays of the three (3) cities and eight (8) municipalities of the Province.

The legality, validity, importance and necessity of province-wide community-based/grassroots responders justify its creation, hence, this Ordinance.

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-008

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES IN ALL BARANGAYS OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao del Norte in Session Assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS OF DAVAO DEL NORTE".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It shall be the policies of the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte to:

- a) Uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes and vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts.
- b) Adhere to and adopt the universal norms, principles, and standards of humanitarian assistance and the global effort on risk reduction as concrete proof of the country's commitment to overcome the human sufferings due to recurring disasters.

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- c) Recognize the local risk patterns across the country and strengthen the capacity of Local Government Units (LGUs) for disaster risk reduction and management through decentralized powers, responsibilities, and resources at the regional and local levels.
- d) Recognize and strengthen the capacities of LGUs and communities in mitigating and preparing for responding to, and recovering from the impact of disasters.
- e) Engage the participation of civil society organizations (CSOs), the private sector and volunteers in the government's disaster risk reduction programs towards complementation of resources and effective delivery of services to the citizenry.
- f) Develop and strengthen the capacities of vulnerable and marginalized groups to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of disasters.
- g) Provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of disaster, facilitate resumption of normal social and economic activities.
- h) Incorporate internationally accepted principles of disaster risk management in the creation and implementation of national, regional and local sustainable development and poverty reduction strategies, policies, plans and budgets.
- i) Adopt disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socio-economic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change and promotes the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned in all levels, especially the local community.
- j) Develop, promote, and implement a comprehensive National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) that aims to strengthen the capacity of the National Government and LGUs, together with partner stakeholders, to build the disaster resilience of communities, and to institutionalize arrangements and measures for reducing disaster risks, including projected climate risks, and enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities of all levels.
- k) Adopt and implement a coherent, comprehensive, integrated, efficient and responsive disaster risk reduction program incorporated in the development plan at various levels of government adhering to the principles of good governance such as transparency and accountability within the context of poverty alleviation and environmental protection.

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- l) Mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change in development process such as policy formulation, socio-economic development planning, budgeting and governance, particularly in the areas of environment, agriculture, water, energy, health, education, poverty, reduction, land-use and urban planning, and public infrastructure and housing, among others.
- m) Institutionalize the policies, structures, coordination mechanisms and programs with continuing budget appropriation on disaster risk reduction from national down to local levels towards building a disaster-resilient nation and communities.
- n) Mainstream disaster risk reduction into the peace process and conflict resolution approaches in order to minimize loss of lives and damage to property, and ensure that communities in conflict zones can immediately go back to their normal lives during period of intermittent conflicts.
- o) Ensure that disaster risk reduction and climate change measures are gender responsive, sensitive to indigenous knowledge systems and respectful of human rights.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION. This Ordinance covers all the barangays of the three (3) cities and eight (8) municipalities of the Province of Davao del Norte.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following technical terms are hereby defined for the purpose of this ordinance:

- a.) ONE DAVOR RESPONDERS is an organization duly established and organized by the Provincial Government composed of emergency responders from all barangays of the three (3) cities and eight (8) municipalities of the Province of Davao del Norte and LDRRMO Responders.
- b.) RESPONDERS refer to the physically able residents of a barangay who have successfully completed and passed training on disaster and emergency response and duly sworn into office as member of ONE DAVOR RESPONDERS.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. The Province-wide ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS for Disasters and Emergencies shall be composed of at least ten (10) physically-able residents of each barangay who shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor as Responders. The composition shall be the representatives of all sectors in the community and Barangay Functionaries.

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SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The members of the ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS shall:

- a.) Coordinate with the barangay as to the establishment of protocols and operating procedures in the conduct of rescue operations in the barangay.
- b.) Act as first responders during occurrence of emergency in their barangay while waiting for the arrival of rescue units from the City or Municipal Governments.
- c.) Assist the barangay in the awareness campaign and disaster preparedness trainings for the community.
- d.) Submit to the Team Leader, as often as necessary, written reports and documentations and written accomplishments made during call of duty, which will be subsequently submitted to the Provincial Governor through the Provincial Administrator for consolidation.
- e.) Attend to meetings and general assemblies called by the Governor.
- f.) Perform such other duties as may be directed by the Governor.

SECTION 7. GENERAL SUPERVISION. The Governor shall be the General Adviser of the Province-wide ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS. The Provincial Administrator through the Executive Director of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) shall serve as the Team Leader with direct supervision and authority of the Responders. The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Division under the Office of the Provincial Administrator shall assist in providing administrative support to the City/Municipal Organization.

SECTION 8. COMMENCEMENT AS MEMBER. Every responder may discharge her/his duties and functions as provided in Section 6 hereof only after she/he is duly appointed by the incumbent Governor and has taken her/his oath as a *bona fide* member.

SECTION 9. DURATION OF TOUR OF DUTY. The Responder's tenure or tour of duty shall be coterminous to that of the appointing authority unless earlier removed in accordance of Section 10 hereof and for any cause determined by the appointing authority as such appointment is based on trust and confidence.

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SECTION 10. SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL. The appointing authority may suspend or remove a member of ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS during her/his active service on any of the following

a.) Disloyalty to the Republic of the Philippines

b.) Culpable violation of the constitution

c.) Dishonesty, oppression, and misconduct

d.) Commission of an offense involving moral turpitude

e.) Abuse of authority

f.) Unauthorized absence for three consecutive instances

g.) Non-submission of reports

h.) Negligence of duty

i.) Violations analogous to the above-enumerated grounds

SECTION 11. VACANCY. In case of removal of a member from the ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS, the Team Leader shall find a replacement from among the trained members of the area that created the vacancy and may recommend such member to the appointing authority.

SECTION 12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. There shall be an annual general meeting for the purpose of orienting all the members of the plans and programs of the province as well as updates concerning disaster preparedness and management which may be held at the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (PDRRM) Operation Center or at any venue as suggested by the Team Leader or the Governor.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL MEETING. In times of emergencies or calamities, or as the need arises, the Governor may call for a special meeting.

SECTION 14. FUNDING SUPPORT. Budgetary requirement and amounts to be incurred in connection with the operation of the Provincewide ONE DAVNOR RESPONDERS shall be charged to the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) under Preparedness Sector duly appropriated and allocated by the PDRRMC, subject to the authorization of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 15. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Upon approval of this ordinance, the Governor shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations, through an executive order, for its effective and efficient implementation.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for whatever reason, any part of this ordinance shall be declared illegal or invalid, all other provisions or parts hereof not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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