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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON MARCH 11, 2024 AT 9:00 A. M. IN THE SESSION HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, PAVIA, ILOILO.

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. Edsel G. Gerochi | -Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer |
| 2. Hon. Jo Jan Paul J. Peñol | - Municipal Councilor |
| 3. Hon. Ariel B. Gerada | - -do- |
| 4. Hon. Jose Maria D. Trimañez | - Municipal Councilor |
| 5. Hon. Leonardo L. Belasa | - -do- |
| 6. Hon. Daniel S. Fajardo, II | - -do- |
| 7. Hon. Rhia B. Sotomil | - -do- |
| 8. Hon. Joshua Philippe B. Gumban | - -do- |
| 9. Hon. Ludovico S. Alfaro | - Liga President, Ex-Officio Member |
| 10. Hon. Gerard Peter G. Zaldarriaga | - SK Fed. President, Ex-Officio Member |

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE 2024-09

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH AND 18 DAYS CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (VAWC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6949 (1990), declares March 8 of every year as International Women's Day, and March of every year as National Women's Month.

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 224, s. of 1988, declares the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 227, s. of 1988, provides for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 759, s. of 1996 - Declares every fourth week of March as the Protection and Gender-Fair Treatment of the Girl Child Week. This underscores the need to provide "every girl who is below 18 years of age with equal opportunities and adequate protection to prepare her for a role in community development",

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 744, s. of 2004 - Declares the last Monday of March of every year as Women with Disabilities Day to promote the protection and inclusion of women with disabilities in the society who deserve equal rights in the field of law and in all aspects of human endeavor

WHEREAS, Proclamation 1172, Series of 2006 - Declaring November 25 to December 12 of Every Year as the "18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10398 - Declaring November 25 of Every Year as the "National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children."

WHEREAS, Pavia PNP specifically the Women's and Childrens Desk's record shows that there is a significant increase in cases handled this year. Despite continuing efforts in bridging gender gap, VAW is still pervasive in our community. Hence, united efforts are highly needed to address, prevent and eventually stop VAW.

NOW THEREFORE, IN A SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be cited as "JUANA, PALANGGA KA" Ordinance of the Municipality of Pavia."

SECTION 2. Purposes. It shall be the purpose of this Ordinance that we:

2.a. Remind ourselves of the accomplishments of women throughout the years to our culture and society. From science to politics, it is a chance to reflect on the trailblazing women who lead the way for change.

2.b. Track the development in Women Empowerment and use it as a platform to know the progress of the Magna Carta of Women and development of other laws.

2.c. Recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women.

2.d. Sports and leisure activities is empowering particularly for women and girls, it offers an opportunity to build their self esteem, courage and self-efficacy and increase their beliefs in their own abilities. There are many health benefits in engaging in sports and leisure activities which can benefit the over all well being of women and girls. Recognize these benefits as an important tool in achieving women empowerment.

2.e. To raise awareness and ignite action for protecting the human rights of women and girls against all forms of gender-based violence.

Consistent with the policy of the state, this ordinance aims to:

1. Inform and engage women as stakeholders of government programs and services – to promote citizen-centric governance and make "change" a conscious effort to know, understand, and provide what ALL citizens need;

2. Create and facilitate platforms to discuss good practices, gaps, challenges, and commitments in pursuing gender and development (GAD) – to strengthen implementation of the Magna Carta of Women;
3. Inspire and empower women and girls to be agents of change – to contribute in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women;
4. Encourage government agencies and instrumentalities, non-government organizations, sectoral groups, private and civil society organizations, business, religious and academe, as well as other stakeholders at the national, regional, and local levels stationed at the Municipality of Pavia to participate;
5. give the public a glimpse of a VAW victim-survivor's ordeal to later develop in them the virtue of compassion or malasakit;
6. promote awareness on the forms of violence women and girls experience, provide information on the laws protecting women and girls, and feature VAW-related services that people can access and avail; and gather public support for the campaign.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms – As defined in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- A. **Violence Against Women** - "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life."
- B. **Domestic Violence** - is a pattern of abusive behavior used to gain or keep power and control over another person in a relationship.
- C. **Women Empowerment** - can be defined as promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. It is closely aligned with female empowerment defined as a fundamental human right that's also key to achieving a more peaceful, prosperous world.
- D. **18 Days Campaign to End VAWC**- an advocacy campaign that is observed annually from November 25 to December 12. One of the various measures and mechanisms employed and implemented to address VAWC.

- E. **Magna Carta of Women** - is a comprehensive women's human rights law that seeks to eliminate discrimination through the recognition, protection, fulfillment, and promotion of the rights of Filipino women, especially those belonging to the marginalized sectors of society
- F. **GAD** is a development perspective and process that are participatory and empowering, equitable, sustainable, free from violence, respectful of human rights, supportive of self-determination and actualization of human potentials. It seeks to achieve gender equality as a fundamental value
- G. **Gender-based Violence**- The term gender-based violence (GBV) is used to describe any harmful act perpetrated against a person based on socially ascribed/gender differences between males and females. It includes acts of causing physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering, or threats of such acts, and other deprivations of liberty.
- H. **Gender Equality** - Gender equality means that all genders are free to pursue whatever career, lifestyle choice, and abilities they want without discrimination.
- I. **Gender stereotypes**- is a generalized view or preconception about attributes or characteristics, or the roles that are or ought to be possessed by, or performed by, women and men. A gender stereotype is harmful when it limits women's and men's capacity to develop their personal abilities, pursue their professional careers and/or make choices about their lives.
- J. **Citizen-centric governance** - placing citizens at the centre of modern public administration. This can be achieved by addressing the immediate concerns of citizens i.e. transparency, efficiency, stability and continuity in the governance systems.
- K. **(MOVE) Men Oppose Violence Everywhere**- is an organization of men who committed themselves to be actively involved in the elimination of VAW. It is also a group of caring, pro-active and principled men who are dedicated to the cause of making the Philippines free from VAW.

SECTION 4. The office of the MSWD, Gender and Development Focal Person, HRMO and Pavia PNP, in coordination with the Sanggunian Bayan Committee on Social Services shall spearhead the formulation of plans and programs in line with the general objectives of the Celebration of Women's Month and 18 Days Campaign to end VAWC.

SECTION 5. Suggested Activities. All offices, business establishments, schools, Religious Sectors and stakeholders in the Municipality of Pavia are

encouraged to conceptualize their own activities in line with the general objectives of the Celebration of Women's Month and 18 Days Campaign to end VAWC but not limited to the following:

1. Share about National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) and 18 days Campaign to end VAWC in Flag Raising Ceremonies – All government agencies and local government units are encouraged to include NWMC and 18 days Campaign to end VAWC announcement in their respective Flag Raising Ceremonies. The use of the All-Women Cast Lupang Hinirang Video in NWMC activities is also encouraged.
2. GAD Forum / GAD Agenda Setting – The Human Resource Office in coordination with GAD Focal Person and can organize activities for LGU employees where they can discuss gender issues that they can help resolve or minimize, given their mandates, as well as assess internal gender concerns that need attention.
3. #GADtoKnow – produce and/or distribute information materials (online and print) featuring the list of their gender-responsive programs and services benefiting women, as well as simplified steps and requirements to avail of such. Participating agencies and stakeholders can also produce and distribute different IEC materials on the National Women's Month Celebration and laws on women.
4. Displaying of NWMC and 18 Days Campaign to End VAWC campaign banner of support in front of offices, school, business establishments and buildings and uploading on the official website and social media accounts.
5. #PurpleMonday or #PurpleYourIcon. Wear anything purple on all the Mondays and Fridays of March and anything Orange during the Kick Off Ceremony of 18 days Campaign to end VAWC to signify support for women's empowerment and gender equality. Participants can also light up or decorate offices or landmarks in purple (Womens Month Celebration) and Orange for 18 days Campaign to End VAWC to spark interest and discourse on the celebration and what it stands for.
6. Musika ng Kababaihan. Share the advocacy through music! Play the songs from the MusikJuana Songwriting Contest 2021 and other PCW advocacy songs in office premises, public and private establishments, parks, and even on social media at least 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon for the whole duration of the celebration.
7. Create and offer your own "Serbisyo para kay Juana". It's the season to make "everyJuana" feel appreciated. Encourage government agencies and private organizations offering direct services and products to the public to surprise Juanas with freebies, discounts, special lanes, and other promos for women.

8. Rural Health Unit shall conduct reproductive and Mental health awareness campaign and Menopause awareness lectures.
9. Initiate health and wellness activities through the conduct of sports and leisure activities but not limited to the following: Volleyball, basketball, table tennis, Zumba, Fun Ride and similar activities. Participating in sports can help breakdown gender stereotypes, improve girls' and womens' self esteem and courage and self efficacy.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval, and after complying the requirements provided for in the Local Government Code.

BE IT ORDAINED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Iloilo for review, and other concerned agencies for information and appropriate action.

ENACTED on the 11TH day of March, 2024 at Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines.

Approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-quoted ordinance has been approved during the Regular Session:

KARRIE G. SUMERAS
Secretary - Designate

ATTESTED BY:

HON. EDEL G. GEROCI
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. LAURENCE ANTHONY G. GORRICETA
Municipal Mayor