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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Acting Vice Governor/Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

ON ACTING CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor
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ORDINANCE NO. 020
Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEN OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (MOVE) PROGRAM IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES



Authored and Introduced By:
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member, 5th District

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the equal rights of men and women and mandates the protection of women from violence, exploitation, and discrimination;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9262, also known as the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004," provides for the protection of women and children from physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse, and promotes the accountability of perpetrators;

WHEREAS, the Men Opposed to Violence Everywhere (MOVE) is a national advocacy organization composed of men advocating against violence towards women and children, which aims to engage men in addressing gender-based violence and promoting respectful relationships;

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental recognizes that gender-based violence is a serious issue that affects not only women and children but also the broader community, and that involving men as advocates for change is a critical step in preventing violence and fostering gender equality;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize the MOVE Program in Negros Occidental to provide a platform for men to actively engage in advocacy, education, and prevention initiatives to end violence against women and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the “MOVE Program Ordinance of Negros Occidental”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared the policy of the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental to promote the engagement of men in advocating for the prevention of violence against women and children, through the establishment and institutionalization of the MOVE program, in collaboration with local government units (LGUs), civil society, and the private sector.

SECTION 3. Objectives - The MOVE Program shall pursue the following objectives:

1. To engage and mobilize men as advocates and role models in preventing violence against women and children;
2. To provide education and training for men on gender equality, respect, and non-violent behavior in relationships;
3. To create awareness about the harmful effects of gender-based violence on individuals, families, and communities;
4. To promote a culture of respect, accountability, and shared responsibility in preventing violence against women and children;
5. To foster partnerships between men’s groups, women’s organizations, government agencies, and the private sector in advocating for a violence-free society.

SECTION 4. Institutionalization of the MOVE Program.

The MOVE Program is hereby institutionalized in the Province of Negros Occidental. The program shall be implemented at the provincial, city, and municipal levels through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), in coordination with Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs) and other relevant agencies.

SECTION 5. Establishment of MOVE Chapters.

The MOVE Program shall establish chapters in all cities and municipalities of the province, composed of male advocates who are committed to the principles of the MOVE movement. These chapters shall conduct regular activities, including but not limited to:

1. Advocacy and awareness campaigns on the prevention of violence against women and children;
2. Capacity-building seminars and training sessions for male advocates on gender sensitivity, respectful relationships, and non-violent communication;



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3. Community outreach programs to promote the participation of men and boys in initiatives to end violence;
4. Peer counseling and support services for men seeking to change abusive behaviors or needing guidance on positive masculinity;
5. Collaboration with women's groups, schools, churches, and businesses to promote gender equality and respect.

SECTION 6. Roles and Responsibilities.

The following offices and agencies are tasked with the following roles:

1. Provincial Government of Negros Occidental

- Ensure the allocation of funds for the implementation of the MOVE program;
- Monitor the progress of the MOVE chapters and assess the impact of their activities;
- Integrate MOVE activities into existing gender and development programs.

2. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO)

- Serve as the lead agency in the implementation of the MOVE program;
- Conduct training and capacity-building programs for MOVE chapters in partnership with local government units and non-governmental organizations;
- Provide technical assistance to LGUs in forming and sustaining MOVE chapters.

3. Local Government Units (LGUs)

- Support the formation and operationalization of MOVE chapters in their respective jurisdictions;
- Provide logistical and financial support for MOVE activities;
- Encourage male local officials and community leaders to actively participate in the MOVE program.

SECTION 7. Funding.

The Provincial Government of Negros Occidental shall allocate funds for the implementation of the MOVE program, to be included in the annual budget of the PSWDO. This budget shall cover training materials, advocacy activities, administrative costs, and other necessary expenses for the program's effective implementation.



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SECTION 8. Monitoring and Evaluation.

The PSWDO, in coordination with the LSWDOs, shall establish a monitoring and evaluation system to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of the MOVE program. An annual report on the achievements, challenges, and recommendations of the MOVE chapters shall be submitted to the Office of the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 9. Penalties.

Non-compliance by any LGU in the formation and support of MOVE chapters as mandated by this Ordinance may result in administrative sanctions as determined by the Provincial Government, in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 10. Effectivity.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Negros Occidental and compliance with the posting requirements as provided by law.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. November 12, 2024

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. SAMSON C. MIRHAN
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:

HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER
Acting Governor

Date: **DEC 04 2024**

Note: Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko, Acting Vice Governor/Presiding Officer Pro Tempore relinquished the chair to the Temporary Presiding Officer, Hon. Samson C. Mirhan