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MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

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Present:

Municipal Vice Mayor Jerwin S. Dimapilis	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Member
Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Veil Charlleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Hermis S. Catapang	- Member, ABC President
Councilor Shekinah Grace C. Sanz	- Member, MSKF President

On Vacation Leave:

Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens	- Member
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 41
Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EMPOWERMENT AND REAFFIRMATION OF PATERNAL ABILITIES (ERPAT) PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO

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WHEREAS, the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, recognizes the vital role of fathers in promoting strong and resilient families;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that active paternal involvement in child-rearing contributes positively to children's physical, emotional, and social development;

WHEREAS, the ERPAT (Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities) program aims to empower fathers and equip them with knowledge, skills, and resources to become more effective and engaged parents;

WHEREAS, the LGU (Local Government Unit) has a responsibility to support programs that promote positive family dynamics and responsible fatherhood;


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "ERPAT Program Institutionalization Ordinance of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipality of Roxas hereby declares it a policy to promote responsible fatherhood and support fathers in fulfilling their roles within the family, recognizing their equal partnership with mothers in nurturing and raising children.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. **ERPAT** – refers to Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities is a service that gives importance and emphasis on the development and enrichment of knowledge, attitudes and skills of fathers in performing their parental roles and responsibilities;
- b. **Biological father** – refers to the genetic father of the child he sired the child and the child carries his gents.
- c. **Adoptive father** – a man who has adopted a child who is not own genetic child.
- d. **Surrogate father** – a substitute for a person's biological, who performs typical paternal functions and serves as an object of identification and attachment. Father surrogate may include such individuals as adoptive fathers, stepfathers, older brothers, teachers and others.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES.

The objectives of this ordinance are as follows:

- a. To institutionalize the ERPAT Program in the Municipality of Roxas;
- b. To enhance the parenting skills and involvement of fathers in the upbringing of their children.
- c. To promote gender equality by encouraging shared parenting responsibilities.
- d. To provide support systems and resources for fathers to improve their capabilities as parents.

SECTION 5. TARGET BENEFICIARIES. All males who need enhancement of knowledge, attitudes and skills on fathering who are unable to cope with familial responsibilities and who fall under the following categories participants/beneficiaries of this service:

1. Biological fathers
 - a. Solo father
 - b. Returning migrant/OFWs
 - c. Released prisoners
 - d. Person with disabilities
2. Adoptive Fathers


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3. Surrogate fathers
 - a. Foster father
 - b. Guardian
 - c. Caretaker

SECTION 6. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. The ERPAT Program shall include, but not limited to, the following activities:

- a. Paternal education workshops on various topics such as communication skills, positive discipline, and healthy father-child relationships.
- b. Parent-child activity sessions to encourage bonding and quality time between fathers and children.
- c. Mentorship programs connecting experienced fathers with new fathers.
- d. Public awareness campaigns to promote the importance of active fatherhood.

SECTION 7. FUNDING. The necessary amount to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the Municipal Annual Budget under the Gender and Development Fund.

SECTION 8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The MSWDO, in coordination with Gender and Development Office and other implementing agencies, shall monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the ERPAT Program. Regular reports shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for review and appropriate action.

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its posting in public conspicuous spaces of the Municipality.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila duly seconded by Councilor John John S. Yason and Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis this ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 27 August 2024

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MARIA MAHARLIKA M. FABIC
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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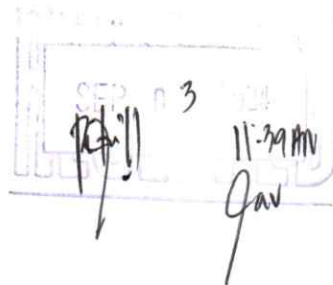

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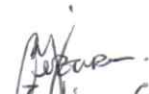

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APPROVED:


LEO G. CUSI, SR.
Municipal Mayor
Date Signed: _____

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