EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (MENRO)

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall promote the general welfare of the People;

WHEREAS, Article 14 of the Local Government Code of 1991 places premium on the important role of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) in formulating measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services;

WHEREAS, problems related to land, air and water pollution continuously beset the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan endangering the health and wellness of the constituents;

WHEREAS, Section 484 (a) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides, among others, that the appointment of the environment and natural resources officer is optional for the municipal government.

WHEREAS, the municipal government of Baliwag, Bulacan, intends to exercise its option to appoint an environment and natural resources officer and thus establish Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There shall be an office which will take care of the environment particularly in the renewal and rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and

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natural calamities and disasters. The said office shall spearhead, among others actions to prevent and control land, air and water pollution in the municipality.

Section 2. Powers and Functions. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall:

a. ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services by formulating measures to be approved by the Sanggunian and provide technical assistance and support to the mayor in carrying out these measures;

b. develop plans and strategies and upon approval by the mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with environment and natural resources programs and projects which the mayor is empowered to implement and which the Sanggunian is empowered to provide;

c. establish, maintain, protect and preserve municipal forests, watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts and similar forest projects and commercial forest, like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

d. provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development projects and technical, financial and infrastructure assistance;

e. manage and maintain seed banks and produce seedlings for forests and tree parks;

f. provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

g. coordinate with government agencies and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land, air and water pollution with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;

h. be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural calamities and disasters;
i. recommend to the Sanggunian and advise the mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to the environment and natural resources; and
j. exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Section 3. Qualifications of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO). The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office shall be headed by a MENR Officer. Pursuant to Section 484 of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer must be:

a. a citizen of the Philippines and a resident of the Baliwag, Bulacan
b. of good moral character
c. a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any related course from a recognized college or university
d. a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent
e. Three (3) years acquired experience in environmental and natural resources management, conservation, and utilization.

Section 4. Upon appointment, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall submit a proposed plantilla of personnel and organizational chart. The said Office will be reportorial to the Office of the Municipal Administrator.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All previous executive orders and issuances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately.

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Pamahalaang Bayan ng Baliwag
TANGGAPAN NG PUNONG BAYAN
LALAWIGAN NG BULACAN

Done this 14th day of July, 2016 at the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, Philippines.

FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA
Municipal Mayor

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