ESTABLISHING THE MUSLIM AFFAIRS UNIT (MAU) OF BALIWAG

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9997 states that it is henceforth the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Baliwag recognizes the significance of including the Muslim sector in the policy formulation of the town to ensure their active participation in every local government’s activities and programs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Muslim Affairs Unit that will serve as a link between the Local Government and the Muslim Community of Baliwag;

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

SECTION 1. CREATION. There shall be a Municipal Muslim Affairs Unit which primary function is to preserve and develop the culture, traditions, institutions and well-being of Muslim Baliwagenyos, in conformity with the national and local laws.

SECTION 2. MUSLIM AFFAIRS OFFICER. The MAO shall have a Muslim Affairs officer who will spearhead the implementation of its programs and missions.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

3.1 Provide advice and assistance to the Local Chief Executive in the formulation, coordination, implementation and monitoring of policies, plans, programs and projects affecting Muslim communities;

3.2 Act as the primary government agency through which Muslim Baliwagenyos can seek government assistance and redress; serve as the medium through which such assistance may be extended to Baliwagenyos;
3.3 Make a list of all Muslim residents of the Municipality of Baliwag indicating thereon their respective complete names, age, status, residential address, profession/business enterprise, if any, and other personal data. The same shall be for safekeeping with the MAO;

3.4 Certify, whenever appropriate, membership of persons in Muslim Communities for purposes of establishing qualifications for specific requirements of government and private agencies or for benefits as may be provided by law;

3.5 Ensure the preservation of peace and order within the Muslim associations and communities, in coordination with appropriate departments and offices of the Municipal Government;

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances and memorandum issued inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this ___ day of ___ 2018 at the Municipal Hall of Baliwag, Bagong Nayon, Baliwag, Bulacan.

FERDISLAND V. ESTRELLA
Municipal Mayor

By the Mayor:

ENRIQUE V. TAGLE
Municipal Administrator