EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02 S. 2019
CREATION OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) AFFAIRS OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALIWAG

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the fundamental rights of every person regardless of sex, gender, class, status, ethnicity, color, disability, religious and political beliefs, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression to be free from any form of discrimination;

WHEREAS, Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and in rights”;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Republic Act no. 9710 provides that “All individuals are equal as human beings by virtue of the inherent dignity of each human person. No one should therefore suffer discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, age, language, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, political or other opinion, national, social or geographical origin, disability, property, birth, or other status as established by human rights standard”;

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons are continuously experiencing stigma, prejudice and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Ordinance No. 6 S. 2017 declared that the policy of Municipality of Baliwag to actively work for the elimination of all forms of discrimination that offend the equal protection clause of the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution, and other existing laws to value the dignity of every person, guarantee full respect for human rights, and give the highest priority to measures that protect and enhance the right of all people.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Baliwag recognizes the significance of including the LGBT 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 LGBT Affairs Office that will serve as a link between the Local Government and the LGBT 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:

[Signature]

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

SECTION 2. LGBT OFFICER. The LGBT Affairs Office shall have a LGBT Officer who will spearhead the implementation of its programs and missions.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

3.1 Facilitate and assist the victims of stigma and discrimination to ensure that they have legal representation, counselling and psychological assistance;
3.2 Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan anti-discrimination policies;
3.3 Monitor or review all policies embodied in resolutions, ordinances, codes and other policy documents to determine if they are free from discriminatory statements and provisions, and undertake necessary amendments of those provisions to effectively eliminate discrimination, stigma and stereotyping LGBTs;
3.4. Ensure the preservation of peace and order within the LGBT associations and communities, in coordination with appropriate departments and offices of the Municipal Government;
3.5. Maintain discrimination case documentation, case monitoring system, and set-up a databank to easily access various cases and experiences of stigma and discrimination.
3.6. Stimulate active participation of LGBT community in health promotion activities of the municipality.

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

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or part of this Executive Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force or effect.

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

Signed in the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan this 23rd day of April, 2019.

Ferdinand V. Estrella
Municipal Mayor

By the Mayor:

Enrique V. Tagle
Municipal Administrator