EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 004 Series of 2023

AN ORDER DESIGNATING A FOCAL PERSON FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARCOS, ILOCOS NORTE.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7277 is an act providing for the rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (a) of the same Republic Act states that disabled persons are part of the Philippines Society, thus the Senate shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2010-103 states the establishment of Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) in every Province, City, and Municipality under RA 10070;

WHEREAS, as stated in the Legal Basis of Memorandum Circular No. 2010-103, "In consideration of budget restraints, Local Chief Executive of Fourth (4th), Fifth (5th), and Six (6th) class Municipalities may in lieu of the creation of PDAO, may designate a focal person who shall perform the functions of the PDAO";

WHEREAS, considering the aim of the Local Government to deliver basic services and protect the welfare of all constituents pursuant to the trust of the national government, therefore, the Municipal Social Welfare Office shall be the partner in the implementation of the programs and services for the PWD sector in our Municipality;

WHEREFORE, I, **RHONEL ALLAN M. COLOMA**, Acting Municipal Mayor of Marcos, Ilocos Norte, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby designate **CYNTHIA G. ABLOG** as the Focal Person for Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of the Local Government Unit of Marcos, Ilocos Norte.

Section 1. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Focal Person for PDAO shall have the following functions.

- a. Formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs in coordination with concerned national and local government agencies;
- b. Coordinate the implementation of the provisions of RA 10070, Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law and other relevant laws at the local level;
- c. Represent PWDs in meetings of the local development councils and other special bodies;
- d. Recommend and enjoin the participation of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and People's Organizations (POs) in the implementation of all disability-related laws and policies;
- e. Gather and compile relevant data on PWDs in their localities;
- f. Disseminate information including, but not limited to, programs and activities for PWDs, including children with disability, and training and employment opportunities for PWDs, including children with disability, and training and employment opportunities for PWDs;

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- g. Submit reports to the office of the Local Chief Executive on the implementation of programs and services for the promotion of the welfare of the PWDs;
- h. Ensure that policies, plans, and programs for the promotion of welfare of persons with disabilities are funded by both the national and local governments;
- i. Monitor fundraising activities being conducted for the benefit of persons with disabilities;
- j. Seek donations in cash or in kind from local or foreign donors to implement an approved work plan for persons with disabilities, in accordance with existing laws and regulations; and
- k. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for promoting and protecting the welfare of persons with disabilities.

Section 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. All executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuance or parts thereof inconsistent with this executive order are hereby repealed and modified.

Section 3. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the Municipality of Marcos, Ilocos Norte, this 9th day of January 2023.

HON. RHONEL ALLAN M. COLOMA

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Acting Municipal Mayor