



Republic of the Philippines
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**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AS
BIRTHDAY TREE PLANTING IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO**

Explanatory Note

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the "State shall protect and advance the rights of every people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 458(5)(i) of Republic Act No. 7160 or otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides for the establishment, maintenance, protection and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves and other similar forest development projects;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10176 otherwise known as the Arbor Day Act of 2012, requires all Local Government Units to declare an Arbor Day as Tree Planting Day by appropriate proclamation of the Local Chief Executive through an ordinance;

WHEREAS, the observance of monthly Arbor Day especially during the birth month of all employees, whether government or non-government organizations, private institution/ companies in the Province of Ifugao shall be another instrument in promoting the importance of trees in attaining and sustaining ecological balance of a healthy environment, not only for the present Ifugao generation, but also for the future generation

WHEREAS, The Ifugao Province is prone to natural hazards and climate change due to its natural configuration and geographic location. These hazards include hydro meteorological hazards, geophysical hazards and complex weather systems resulting to landslides, mudslides and flashfloods that could cause damages to lives and properties

WHEREAS, Ifugao is well acknowledged as tourist destination but also being recognized of our MUYONG System. The Muyung comprise both a cultural and natural landscape, as a culture, it embodies a human and nature interaction that has allowed the Ifugaos to flourish without having to sacrifice our environment. Our indigenous practices that recognizes the balance of eco-system, contributes to the adequacy of water supply for our rice terraces, our watershed is a major source benefitting the whole Province. All barangays in Ifugao are dependent on the watershed areas as source of water.

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**INSTITUTIONALIZING LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AS BIRTHDAY TREE
PLANTING IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO**

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Birthday Tree Planting Ordinance" in the Province of Ifugao.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF BIRTHDAY TREE PLANTING. The Provincial Government of Ifugao hereby declares the last Friday of every month as Birthday Tree Planting in the Province of Ifugao wherein all birthday celebrants of every month, specifically the concerned personnel as stated in the general provisions hereunder, shall plant at least ten (10) trees as a birthday gift to our environment. This to contribute to the ecological stability and to have a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- a) The employees Provincial Government of Ifugao, Municipal Local Government Units in Ifugao, accredited non-government organizations, private institutions (NGOs), People's Organization, public and private schools, and national government agencies, are enjoined to plant trees during their respective birth month.
- b) All employees of the different departments of the Provincial Government of Ifugao, Non-Government Organizations, Schools (Elementary to College), all Municipalities, shall be required to plant at least ten (10) tree seedlings every last Friday of their birth month every year at the designated tree planting areas.
- c) The Provincial Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Office and all the Municipal Agriculture Offices, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall identify the areas to be covered by the Tree Planting Activity and the trees to be planted.
- d) Tree planting activity shall be done preferably in:
 - i. Public or private grounds;
 - ii. Idle or vacant public lands;
 - iii. Public parks; and
 - iv. Private parks and lands with the consent of the owner.

SECTION 4. BIRTHDAY TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE. A Committee is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: The Provincial Governor

Vice Chairperson: The Department Head, Provincial Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Office

Members:

1. All Municipal Mayors of the Province
2. The SP Chairperson- Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Ecology
3. The SP-Chairperson - Committee on Indigenous Peoples Affairs and Cultural Heritage
4. All Municipal Agriculture Officers
5. The Schools Division Superintendent – DepEd-Ifugao Division
6. Representative - Department of Interior and Local Government, Ifugao
7. Representative - Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ifugao
8. The Provincial President of the Association of Barangay Captain
9. Accredited Non-Government Organizations and People's Organizations

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

- a) Formulate plans and programs necessary to achieve the intent of this Ordinance;
- b) Specify the areas to be planted with trees and ornamental plants;
- c) Monitor and record the activities and projects undertaken under the Ordinance;
- d) Monitor and evaluate the different sectors on their tree planting activities;
- e) Give award/credit to the sector/group that have the most trees that lived;
- f) Identify century and heritage trees.

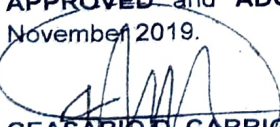
SECTION 6. MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION. The maintenance and protection of the planted seedlings shall be the responsibility of the respective participants/agency in the tree planting activity.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared separate, and in the event that one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

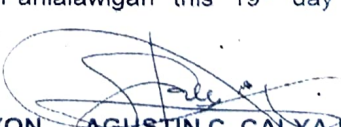
SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any existing ordinance or any of its provision/s which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan this 19th day of November 2019.


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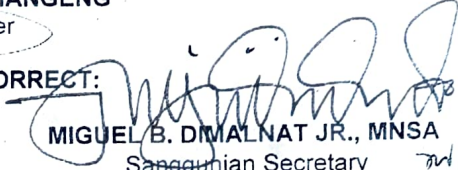

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