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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

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AN ORDER CREATING THE JOINT TASK FORCE TO GUIDE, REGULATE, AND MONITOR BUSINESSES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, LAND USE, AND BOUNDARY CONFLICTS IN MARILOG DISTRICT INCLUDING OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE CITY WHICH ARE UNDER CERTIFICATE OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN TITLE, AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS CLASSIFIED AS FOREST OR CRITICAL WATERSHED ZONES

WHEREAS, under Section 22, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the State's policy to recognize and promote the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development.

WHEREAS, Section 2 (e) of Republic Act No. 8371, also known as "The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997", provides that the State shall take measures, with the participation of the ICCs/IPs concerned, to protect their rights and guarantee respect for their cultural integrity, and to ensure that members of the ICCs/IPs benefit on an equal footing from the rights and opportunities which national laws and regulations grant to other members of the population;

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", authorizes the local government units to establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, programs, objectives and priorities;

WHEREAS, Section 455 (b)(xvi) of the same Code authorized the City Mayor to call upon any national official or employee stationed in or assigned to the city to advise him on matters affecting the city and to make recommendations thereon, and coordinate with said official or employee in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects in the city;

WHEREAS, Marilog District having been situated between the City of Davao and the Province of Bukidnon and consisting of twenty-five (25) barangays, with a total land area of 62,886 hectares, is a home to various indigenous people, like the Matigsalug Tribe;

WHEREAS, for over the years, unregulated tourism-related establishments and business developments have sprouted in the area where these establishments and developments mostly occupy land classified as timberland or forest land areas;

WHEREAS, aside from the aforesaid concerns relating to the unregulated establishment and developments within Marilog District, the following also pose as pressing issues that need to be addressed, to wit:

1. The encroachment of human activities other than IP settlers in protected areas;
2. The rapid conversion of agricultural lands into commercial, residential, industrial, and other uses; and,
3. The boundary conflict between Davao City and Arakan Valley, Cotabato Province, which consists of an estimated 21,000 hectares of land.

WHEREAS, the City of Davao intends to pursue the expansion of forest areas which is one of the proposed actions in the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) 2019-2028 which will consequently be reflected in the updated Zoning Ordinance of the City;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formulate a Joint Task Force involving concerned local offices and national agencies to evaluate the scale of unregulated developments and other concerns adversely affecting the natural character of Marilog District and to properly manage and monitor activities therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION. There is hereby created a body known and called as the Joint Task Force for Marilog District and the same shall be composed of the following persons and/or of the following offices, to wit:

Chairperson	:	City Mayor
Co-Chairperson	:	Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Forest Management Bureau
Regular Members	:	Department of Tourism (DoT) National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) City Legal Office (CLO) City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) Permits and Licenses Division, City Mayor’s Office Office of the City Building Official Liga ng mga Barangay Tribal Leaders in Marilog District

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Joint Task Force for Marilog District shall have the following functions:

1. To inspect and monitor all activities conducted in Marilog District relative to the compliance and non-compliance of the provisions of law, ordinances, pertinent rules and regulations;
2. To assess and validate the following concerns:
 - a) Unregulated commercial establishments and activities in restricted areas;
 - b) Overlapping land uses and tenurial instruments; and,
 - c) Boundary conflicts.

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3. Make appropriate recommendation to the City Mayor and/or the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the preservation and protection of Marilog District and its residents;
4. Solicit assistance and cooperation of concerned local and national government agencies, non-government organizations and other private entities and individuals to ensure efficiency in the discharge of its functions;
5. Submit a quarterly progress report to the Office of the City Mayor; and,
6. Perform such other functions as the City Mayor may order from time to time.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The CPDO is hereby directed to serve as the Secretariat of the Joint Task Force for Marilog District and shall be tasked to handle all its administrative and secretarial functions.

SECTION 4. FUNDING/OPERATING COSTS. All costs pertaining to the operation of the Joint Task Force for Marilog District shall be charged to available funds of the City Government subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the ___ of APR 26 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.

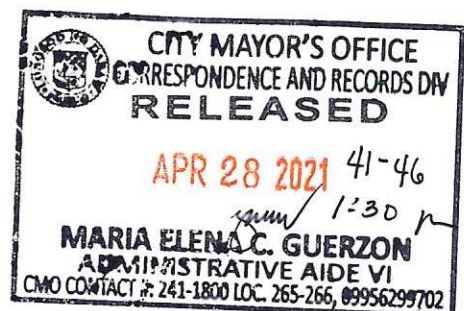

SARA Z. DUTERTE
 City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
 City Administrator



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