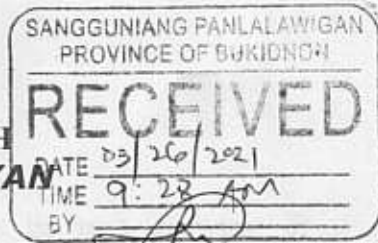




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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 10TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 19TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON WHICH WAS HELD AT SANGGUNIAN BAYAN SESSION HALL ON MARCH 11, 2021

PRESENT:

HON. MIGUEL D. DEMATA

Presiding Officer

Municipal Vice Mayor

HON. JUANITO I. QUIÑO

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ELIEZER S. ONAHON

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. REYNALDO L. BAGAYAS, JR.

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. RAUL S. MIÑOZA

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. WARLEO A. GOAYAN

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. JOY L. CORDOVEZ

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HON. CHRISTY LEPARTO SALABE

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ALBERTO B. TINYO

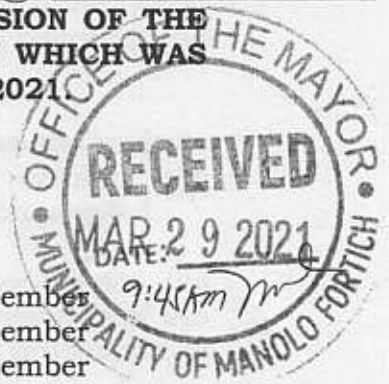
Temporary Majority Floor Leader

HON. NELSON S. BINAYAO

Liga ng mga Bry. Rep.

HON. JOHN ANTHONY G. LEYSON

SK Federation Rep.



ABSENT:

HON. ALEX D. PAYANGGA

IP Mandatory Rep.

- On Official Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1419
(11th Regular Session)

Proponent: Hon. Reynaldo L. Bagayas, Jr.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MANOLO FORTICH RAINFORESTATION PROGRAM AND THEREBY REGULATING THE PLANTING OF TREE SPECIES THUS TO LIMIT THE USE OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES (IAS) AS PLANTING MATERIAL ONLY IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE TIMBER PRODUCTION AREAS AND TO EXCLUSIVELY USE NATIVE OF ENDEMIC TREE SPECIES IN PROTECTED, WATERSHED AND FOREST ZONES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that Local Government Units shall enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology.

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence that the continued planting of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) such as but not limited to exotic and fast growing species like Mahogany, Gmelina and Falcata in tree growing or reforestation programs or projects does not support a robust rainforest ecosystems or enhance biodiversity.

WHEREAS, the planting of IAS as materials for reforestation programs or projects may actually have dire consequences to the health of the soil in the rainforest meant to be rehabilitated or enhanced since such practice gives much premium to monocropping tendencies which researches prove to have detrimental effect to rainforest ecosystems.

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WHEREAS, planting native or endemic tree species in tree growing or reforestation programs and projects supports endemic flora and fauna of rainforest ecosystems thus will be more effective and responsive to the need of restoring and enhancing ecological balance.

WHEREAS, the object of tree growing or tree planting programs and projects in protected, watershed or forest areas must be to restore or enhance the rainforests and thus the concept of "Rainforestation" is sought to be propagated.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the economic need of society for the demand of timber of various uses must also be addressed thus the planting of IAS must also be encouraged in designated production timber zones, production of forest tree farms.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Manolo Fortich is strategically located between two rivers which are the Tagoloan River Basin and Cagayan de Oro Basin and adjacent rivers for which this program is very relevant.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sanggunian Bayan of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon in session that;

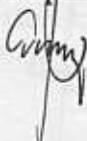
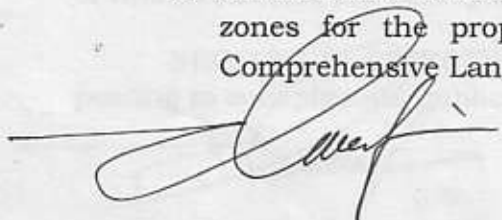
SECTION 1. RAINFORESTATION PROGRAM. The Rainforestation Program of Manolo Fortich is hereby established.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION. The Rainforestation Program of Manolo Fortich shall hereby be under the administration of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Office (MENRO).

SECTION 3. REGULATED ACTS. The planting of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) shall only be allowed in designated production timber zones, production forests or tree farms and other areas public or private except in Protected, Watershed or Forest Areas of Green Buffer Zones.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following definition shall be used in construing this ordinance;

1. Biodiversity – refers to the ideal variety and variability of flora and fauna in a given environment.
2. Ecological Balance – that certain balance or equilibrium between living organisms with that of their environment.
3. Ecosystem – group or community of living organisms in a given geographic area interacting with each other and with the nonliving components of that given environment linked together through the cycle of energy flows and nutrient exchanges.
4. Endemic or Native Species – are trees and other plants that are native or endemic in a given ecosystem such as but not limited to Narra, Molave, Dao, Macao, Catmon, Ilag-ilag, Yakal and others.
5. Green Buffer Zones – are patched of land delineated and declared buffer zones for the propagation of trees and plants as identified in the Comprehensive Land Use Development Plan (CLUPs) of the LGU.



6. Invasive Alien Species (IAS) – are trees and other plants that are introduced to an ecosystem that are not native or endemic to an area. For purposes of this Ordinance, these shall include such exotic and fast growing trees such as but not limited to Mahogany, Falcata, Gmelina and Acacia mangium.
7. Production Timber Zones or Production Forests – areas owned by the public or the private sector intended for the propagation of the suitable for timber production.
8. Protected, Watershed and Forestal Areas – forest covers as well as already deforested patches of land in the province that remain to have a protected status, declared watershed and forestall land not having been declared alienable and disposable land.
9. Reforestation – a program of rainforest restoration and enhancement based in the principles of biodiversity and ecological balance to restore, enhance or protect the viability of rainforests as vital to the health of the environment of the municipality.

SECTION 5. PROPAGATION OF NATIVE OR ENDEMIC SPECIES. – The MENRO shall establish a Nursery devoted to the production of Native or Endemic Species to supply the need of planting materials for the Reforestation Program of the municipality.

Likewise, all LGUs shall also endeavour to produce Native or Endemic planting materials.

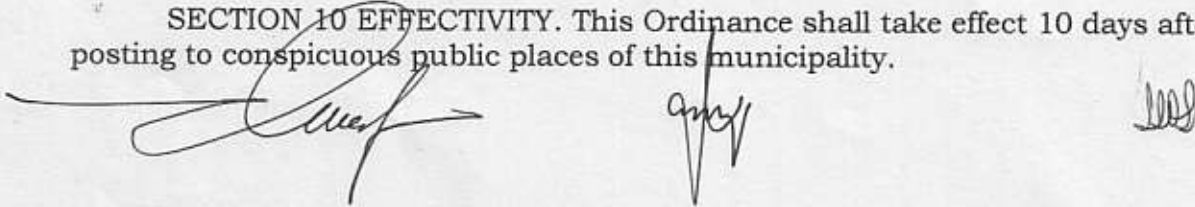
SECTION 6. BUDGETARY ALLOCATION. The amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 500,000.00) annually shall be appropriated by the Municipal Government in order to support the Reforestation Program through the production of native or endemic tree species, maintenance of the nursery as well as for the conduct of tree growing activities. Subsequently, allocation shall also be made for the completion of the Watershed Management Plan which will serve as the road map and guide for the various programs inclusive of the Reforestation Program.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. The Municipal Government in coordination with the Provincial and Barangay Governments, the academe, the private sector and the civil society Organizations shall conduct through the MENRO regular Public Awareness Campaign to let the public understood the value of planting native or endemic species to restore and enhance biodiversity and ecological balance.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In case any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All local ordinances, resolutions, issuances, Memoranda, circulars or parts thereof, inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

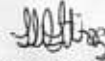
SECTION 10 EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after its posting to conspicuous public places of this municipality.



This Ordinance was enacted on motion of Hon. Reynaldo L. Bagayas, Jr. and unanimously seconded by the members present.

ENACTED: March 11, 2021.

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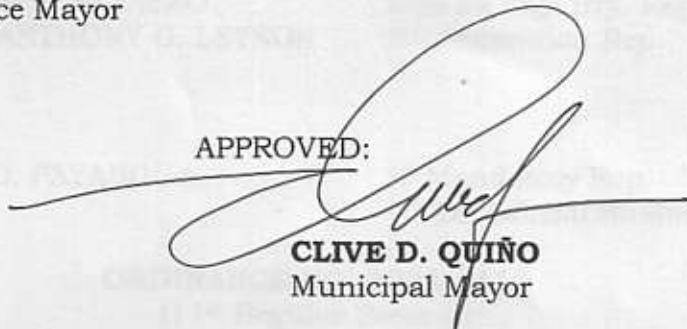
LYDIA O. LASTIMOSA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO HAVE
BEEN ENACTED ON MARCH 11, 2021:



MIGUEL D. DEMATA
Presiding Officer
Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:



CLIVE D. QUINO
Municipal Mayor