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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 17-13 (SPECIAL)

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DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS "SIGHT SAVING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS.

WHEREAS, avoidable blindness or visual impairment not only poses a serious health issue but also imposes social and economic burden on individuals and communities;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health (DOH), one out of twenty (1:20) preschoolers and one out of four (1:4) school age children has an eye condition such as amblyopia or refractive error that requires treatment or correction;

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of "Sight Saving Month" will create and strengthen public awareness of the importance of proper eye care and the prevention of blindness and other eye diseases;

WHEREAS, all stakeholders are called for and encouraged to align their efforts in support of the City's strategic plans and directions through the City Health Office (CHO) and City of General Trias Eye Health Team with the end in view of reducing prevalence of avoidable blindness in the locality;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Kerby J. Salazar duly seconded by all Members present,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Trias that:

Section 1. There is hereby declared the month of July of every year as "Sight Saving Month" in the City of General Trias.

Section 2. It is the policy of the City to promote health and safety, economic prosperity, and preserve the comfort and convenience of the constituents.

Section 3. All establishments, offices, institutions, nongovernment organizations, people's organizations, and individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias are hereby enjoined to observe this important event through the conduct of advocacy activities for the occasion under the auspices of the City Health Office (CHO) in coordination with the concerned national government agencies and other partner stakeholders.

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Section 4. The City Health Office (CHO) is hereby tasked to spearhead the observance of the "Sight Saving Month" and to institutionalize relevant programs and activities including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Visual acuity for elementary, secondary and senior high school students as well as the teachers of each level;
- b. Conduct of audiovisual presentations (AVPs), lectures, seminars, symposia and trainings;
- Training of good school teachers on visual acuity for children;
- d. Signing of Pledge of Commitment with members of the City of General Trias Eye Health Team, stakeholders, partners, NGOs and individuals;
- e. Referral of children with Error of Refraction to ophthalmologist/ optometrist;
- f. Cataract Extraction and Pterygium Excision;
- g. Distribution of eyeglasses;
- h. Walk for Sight;
- i. Outreach missions on sight saving;
- j. Dissemination of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, etc.; and
- k. Other relevant programs and activities.

Section 5. To carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, the City Mayor is hereby authorized to sign for and in behalf of the City, any and all the necessary partnership agreements with other LGUs, national government agencies and stakeholders.

Section 6. The required amount to carry out the mandate under this Ordinance shall be charged against the Local Expenditure Program and the succeeding budgetary appropriations of the City.

Section 7. All previous resolutions/ordinances, implementing rules and regulations, and executive orders, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 8. If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon compliance with the mandatory posting requirement prescribed under RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of local circulation or posting requirements under RA 7160.

ENACTED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 08 AUGUST 2017.

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JONAS GLYN LABUGUEN

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