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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 007-2022

"AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE BALAY SILANGAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN"

WHEREAS, Section 77 of Republic Act No. 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended (the "Act"), provides that the Dangerous Drugs Board (the "Board") to be the policy-making and strategy-formulating body in the field of drug protection and control;

WHEREAS, Section 84 (a) of the Act provides for the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency ("PDEA") to: "Implement or cause the efficient and effective implementation of the national drug control strategy formulated by the Board thereby carrying out a national anti-drug campaign program which shall include drug law enforcement, control and prevention campaign with the assistance of concerned government agencies";

WHEREAS, Section 84 (q) of the Act states that, the PDEA "... may enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, in the anti-illegal drugs drive...";

WHEREAS, Section 51 of the Act mandates that Local Government Units ("LUGs") shall "appropriate a substantial portion of their respective annual budgets to assist in or enhance the enforcement of the Act giving priority to preventive or educational programs and the rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents.";

WHEREAS, the Board also issued Regulation No. 3, Series of 2016 (Guidelines on Handling Voluntary Surrender of drug Personalities), which provides for the guidelines on handling voluntary surrender of drug personalities who are non-users;

WHEREAS, Regulation No. 4, Series of 2016 (Oplan Sagip – Guidelines on Voluntary Surrender of Drug Users and Dependents and Monitoring Mechanism of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Campaigns), provides for the guidelines on handling drug users and drug dependents which includes interventions, training, livelihood, and monitoring mechanism";

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2009-09 (Subject: Unified Actions Against Illegal Drugs and other Substances), which mandates that it is a principal responsibility of local authorities to support overall government efforts to address illegal drugs and other substances;

WHEREAS, the Board issued Board Regulation No. 2 Series of 2018 (Subject: Balay Silangan – Guidelines for Community Involvement in Reforming Drug Offenders into Self-Sufficient and Law-Abiding Members of Society);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. BALAY SILANGAN PROGRAM

a) **BALAY SILANGAN** is a reformation center for drug offenders which will provide opportunities for said individuals to change themselves and develop skills that will enable them to seek livelihood opportunities outside the center;

b) The program shall serve as an instrument of reformation of drug personalities who avail of plea bargaining;

c) This also serves as an alternative intervention for drug personalities who are not eligible to be admitted in Treatment and Rehabilitation Facilities supervised by the Department of Health (DOH).

Section 2. COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. In accordance with the Memorandum Circular issued or to be issued by the DILG, the Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) shall coordinate with the National and Regional Oversight Committee in the administration of the Program.

Section 3. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF BAHAY PAGBABAGO AS BALAY SILANGAN. The Bahay Pagbabago site in Cityland Pulong Buhangin, Santa Maria, Bulacan shall be converted into the Municipality's BALAY SILANGAN site. The conversion shall be done in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and/or instrumentalities.

Section 4. SEPARABILITY – If any part, section, or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Issued this 21st day of July 2022 in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
MUNICIPAL MAYOR