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**Tangapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod**  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-185**

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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 002, AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9344, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10630, AND REVERTING THE MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OLD TO NINE (9) YEARS OLD, AND STRONGLY REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EVALUATE AND REVISIT THE EXISTING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE LAW:-**

**Sponsor: Hon. Elmer S. Baldemoro** 

**WHEREAS**, as a signatory in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child, it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the rights and welfare of children;

**WHEREAS**, now pending with the House of Representatives is House Bill No. 002, introduced by Capiz Second District Representative Fredenil H. Castro together with Davao del Norte First District Representative Pantaleon D. Alvarez seeking to amend Republic Act 9344, the "Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006", as amended by Republic Act 10630, "An Act Establishing the Comprehensive Juvenile and Justice System, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes", purposely aims to lower the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility from Fifteen (15) Years Old To Nine (9) Years Old;

**WHEREAS**, while the City Government of Naga, through this Council, believes that the Constitution mandates the State to ensure that the Filipino youth shall be taught to accept responsibility for their words and deeds as early as possible, it should be done in entirely non-punitive, welfare-based, and education-oriented ways;

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) expressed its deep reservation regarding the proposed legislation saying that if children who have been exploited by criminal are penalized instead of the adults who had abused them, we failed to uphold the rights and well-being of children;

**WHEREAS**, it is the commitment and accountability of the state to respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights of children aligned with the basic principles of UNCRC on Right to Life, Survival and Development, Non-Discrimination, Protection and Participation;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Naga hereby joins all families, academic institutions, churches, civil society organizations and other child rights advocates in the fight against the move to lower the minimum age of criminal liability because doing so will go against the best interests and welfare of the child;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Elmer S. Baldemoro, duly seconded by Hon. Mila S.D. Raquid-Arroyo and Hon. Joselito S.A. del Rosario;

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, in session assembled, to express absolute opposition to the proposed passage of House Bill No. 002, specifically the lowering of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility from Fifteen (15) Years Old To Nine (9) Years Old;

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, as it is hereby resolved to request the House of Representatives to evaluate and revisit the existing Juvenile Justice and Welfare Law and how it can be more responsive and relevant to needs of the community specially of the children in conflict with the law.

**LET COPIES** of this resolution be furnished His Honor, the City Mayor, for his concurrence, the House of Representatives and Senate of the Philippines for their information and action, the Honorable Representative, Camarines Sur 3rd Congressional District, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., for his information, the Honorable Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ma. Leonor G. Robredo, for her information, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC) and the Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (RJJWC) Region V, for their information.

**APPROVED.**

**Adopted:** March 28, 2017.

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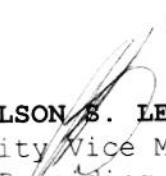
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**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

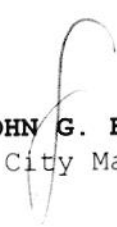


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**CONCURRED:**



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