EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-013

ENSURING THE FAST AND ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREENING COMPONENT OF THE MAGSAYSAY LIFESTYLE CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-012, ENSURING THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE CONCERNED PRIVATE LAND OR BUSINESS OWNERS THRU AN “ADOPT-A-TREE” PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, SETTING THE GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article III of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the rapid urban development and economic progress in the City of Naga has led to the inevitable structural developments and improvements across the City, especially along Magsaysay Avenue;

WHEREAS, the recent widening of the Magsaysay Avenue by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in Magsaysay Avenue required the removal of obstructions including trees, subject to DPWH compliance with the requirements of law on tree replacement;

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize the greening efforts of both the public and concerned private sectors in the City of Naga to address the road widening environmental impacts through the implementation of this project, in consonance with the Expanded National Greening Program of the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, the Interim Head of the Magsaysay Lifestyle Center Development and Re-Greening Council has not convened yet since the Council’s meeting last January 26, 2018, and in view of the undersigned Mayor and Council’s commitments for such greening, there is a need to implement the project before the onset of the typhoon season and before the undersigned Mayor’s term ends on June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, for the fast realization of the project, it is essential to implement the greening component of the project with the City Government of Naga taking the lead, to be henceforth known as the “Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project”;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, Mayor of the City of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and declare the implementation of the Magsaysay Avenue Adopt a Tree and Greening Project, to wit:

SECTION 1. COVERAGE. Under the Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project, at least 100 palm trees covering the whole stretch of Magsaysay Avenue shall
be planted with easy-to-maintain tropical palm trees in the months of April and May, 2019 thru an “adopt-a-tree” partnership agreement between the City Government of Naga and the land or business owners concerned.

SECTION 2. MAGSAYSAV AVENUE ADOPT-A-TREE AND GREENING PROJECT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. There is hereby created an executive committee which will undertake specific activities towards the realization of the project.

2.1 Composition

The Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

**Executive Committee**

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<td>Mr. Alec Francis Santos</td>
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2.2. Duties and Responsibilities. The Executive Committee for the Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project is hereby established to:

1. Initiate a systematic and planning process to implement the Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project;
2. Coordinate with the private stakeholders concerned, particularly the lot and business owners, to apprise them about the project;
3. Coordinate with and tap other concerned partners and agencies, where necessary, for purposes of soliciting complementary and technical support in the project’s implementation;
4. Organize a simultaneous planting or transplanting of palm trees, ensuring that all concerned stakeholders are present and a proper turnover documentation for the adoption and care of said trees shall be signed by the lot or business owners; and
5. Perform such other functions consistent with the above.

SECTION 3. STRATEGY. In order to ensure successful implementation of the project, particularly the sustainable management of palm trees, the adopter of the tree is expected to exercise due diligence in the care and maintenance of the awarded palm tree/s, subject to the occasional technical assistance from the City Government and/or concerned national government agency.

SECTION 3. FUNDING. The funding necessary to ensure the implementation of this order shall be charged against appropriate existing funds of the city government. The City Budget Office shall recommend to the City Mayor items or funds from the Annual Budget or from the surplus to finance the project and ensure its success.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

LET COPIES of this Executive Order be furnished all concerned for their information and guidance.

Issued this 4th day of April, 2019 in the City of Naga, Philippines.

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor

Attested by:

FLORENCIO T. MONGOSO, JR., CSEE
City Administrator
CONSENT FORM
(Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project)

That I, ____________________________, of legal age, single/married and the rightful owner of the lot or business situated at Magsaysay Avenue, Naga City, hereby acknowledge the following:

1. That I am an active participant in the greening component under the “Magsaysay Lifestyle Center Development Program” pursuant to Executive Order No. 2017-012, particularly the “Magsaysay Avenue Adopt-a-Tree and Greening Project” of the City Government of Naga, sanctioned under Executive Order No. 2019-013;

2. That I faithfully commit myself to the duties and responsibilities expected of me, as the “adopter” of tree under Mayor John G. Bongat’s Executive Order No. 2019-013, in relation to Executive Order No. 2017-012, a copy of which is attached to this form; and

3. That I voluntarily accept the responsibilities given to me under the program and consent to the planting of the tropical palm tree/s and its/their maintenance within my private land or business area, in my capacity as a partner to this program.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand this ___ day of ________ 2019 in Naga City, Philippines.

__________________________
Land or Business Owner

Signed in the presence of:

__________________________

With my gratitude:

JOHN G. BONGAT
Local Chief Executive