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AN ORDINANCE CELEBRATING THE DAY FOR TREE PLANTING AS AN ANNUAL EVENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar in session assembled today:

Section 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the ***"Municipal Tree Planting Day Ordinance".***

Section 2. TREE PLANTING DAY – It is hereby declared a "Municipal Tree Planting Day", **every November 8, of every year** by the Municipality of Salcedo Eastern Samar. *Further*, the LGU Salcedo, shall declare the Municipal Tree Planting Day, a *suspension of work both public and private*, in order to ensure the involvement of the Barangay officials and different organizations and associations in the Municipality of Salcedo, Eastern Samar.

Section 3. PLANTING OF TREES – All LGU and Barangay Officials and employees, Government employees, CSOs, POs, and all able-bodied residents of the Municipality, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to participate and plant at least one (1) tree in a designated area.

Section 4. AREAS COVERED BY TREE PLANTING – The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

a. Salcedo Water Shed areas;
b. Yocenca area;
c. Coastal areas;
d. Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
e. Idle or vacant public lands; and
f. Other Areas specified by the Municipal Watershed board. If the area to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection forest, the Board shall encourage the use of endemic or indigenous species during the celebration of the Municipal tree planting. Provided, it shall limit the planting of mahogany trees.

Section 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNAL MAN-MADE FOREST – The Municipal Watershed Board, shall as far as practicable, identify and designate an area for the establishment of a Communal Man-Made Forest. The area shall be included in the long-term developmental plans of the Local Government Unit of Salcedo. The communal man-made forest area shall be

maintained by the LGU Salcedo through the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources. **It shall serve as a support to the production of lumber for construction of traditional indigenous family dwellings, especially those indigents or who cannot afford, as identified by the LGU Salcedo.** ***Provided*****, it shall be allowed only for a limited and necessary number of lumbers.** ***Provided further*****, prior permit granted by the LGU Salcedo shall be secured.** ***Provided finally*****, a member of the family must have regularly participated in the tree planting under this ordinance, supported with attendance and photo documents.**

Section 6. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDLINGS – The Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources, shall be responsible for the management and reproduction of supply and distribution of seedlings. They shall coordinate with the Philippine Coconut Authority, for the supply and distribution of the coconut seedlings. Participants may also provide their own seedlings (fruit trees or native trees) during the Municipal Tree Planting Day.

Section 7. INFORMATION AND MONITORING – For information and monitoring purposes, the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources in coordination with the different sectors shall undertake documentation of the actual Celebration of the Municipal Tree Planting Day to be submitted to the MLGOO. Nevertheless, conduct of tree planting in schools within their school grounds, they should be left in charged with the documentation of the activity and submit to Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources for consolidation.

Section 8. IMPLEMENTATION – The LGU through the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources in collaboration with the Office of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, shall be responsible in the preparation and implementation of plans, programs and activities annually for the implementation of this ordinance, as well integration of such plans, programs and activities in the comprehensive development plan of the municipality.

Section 9. APPROPRIATIONS — The Sangguniang Bayan shall provide an annual allocation of resources pertinent to the implementation of this ordinance subject to the availability of the approved Projects, Program and activities. Further, the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural resources shall utilize watershed development fund taken from the proceeds of the annual operational income at five percent (5%), subject to accounting rules and regulations, for the preparation and implementation of such plans, programs and activities for the development of watershed area and other protected areas.

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after it has been posted in two (2) conspicuous places and publication in general circulation.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: December 27, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly adopted and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar during its regular session conducted on December 27, 2023.

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