



Republica de Filipinas
Ciudad de Zamboanga

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BC 234-2016

**ORDERING THE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SCALING UP OF NUTRITION
DURING THE FIRST 1000 DAYS OF LIFE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
IN ZAMBOANGA CITY**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the first 1,000 days of life, the time between conception and one's second birthday, is a unique period of opportunity when the foundation of optimum health, growth, neurodevelopment across the lifespan are established;

WHEREAS, for reason of poverty and some other attendant conditions, malnutrition, weaken this foundation, leading to earlier mortality and significant morbidities such as poor health, and more insidiously, substantial loss of neurodevelopment potential.

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) during the Nutrition Month 2016 celebration highlighted the first 1,000 days of babies giving importance to proper infant and young child feeding practices, particularly exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and giving appropriate complementary food after six months while continuing breastfeeding.

WHEREAS, the celebration also aims to promote collaboration among various stakeholders both at the national and local levels for programs serving families with pregnant mothers and children less than 2 years old.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO, City Mayor of Zamboanga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the full support for the scaling up of nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life and for other purposes in Zamboanga City. All local offices and departments involve in the service of families with pregnant mothers and children less than 2 years old would intensify their services in order to contribute to the full development of a child through integrated services of health, nutrition, early education and social services.

Let copies of this Executive Order be furnished to all concern.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Done in the City of Zamboanga, Philippines, this 27th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2016.


City Mayor/