



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**No. 035-2019**

**CREATING THE LA TRINIDAD INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) or Republic Act No. 8371 provides that the state shall recognize and promote the rights of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) within the framework of national unity and development;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Proclamation No. 1906 declared the month of October of every year as the "National Indigenous People's Month";

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 19-2018 issued on May 22, 2018 institutionalized the "programs, projects and activities during the celebration of the Indigenous Peoples Month every October of every year in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Benguet" since the municipality is also the home of the Ibaloy-Benguet ethnolinguistic group and now also of other ethnic groups from the Cordillera Region;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of said ordinance mandates the creation of the La Trinidad Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration Committee to plan and implement the programs and activities for the Indigenous Peoples Month celebration;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, ROMEO K. SALDA**, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law as the duly elected Municipal Mayor of La Trinidad, Benguet, do hereby create the La Trinidad Indigenous Peoples Month Celebration Committee as follows:

**Section 1. COMPOSITION.** The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson** : HON. ROMEO K. SALDA, Municipal Mayor
- Vice Chairperson** : HON. PENDON B. THOMPSON, Municipal Councilor, IPMR
- Members** : HON. ARTHUR M. SHONTOGAN, SB Com. on IP Member  
HON. RENATO B. TERENG, SB Com. on IP Member  
MS. IMELDA E. GRUPO, MBO  
MS. WILMA M. LINTAN, MTO  
MS. FELICITAS D. TICBAEN, OMAG  
HON. CHARLES T. CANUTO, ABC President  
HON. APOLINARIO A. BAGANO, SK Federation President  
MR. VALRED D. OLSIM, MTAO  
ENGR. ALFREZ M. ANOD, President, Federation of LT Senior Citizens  
MR. OSCAR B. LACADEN, Representative, DepEd-La Trinidad  
MR. ANDRES CAWA, LTIPO Representative  
MR. ABILENE A. CERILO, NCIP Representative  
MS. VIRGINIA A. FIANZA, LT RIC President  
MR. ANDY COLTE, MAFC Chairperson  
MS. JOSEPHINE LEON, LT Women's Federation President  
MS. TERESITA PANAGAN, Kabanguetan Ladies Circle President  
MS. FELINA D. MERCOLES, Barangay IPMR Representative  
MR. SATUR SOMLANO, Kankana-ey Representative  
MR. JEFFERD ZAMBRANO, Ibaloy Representative  
MR. JOSEPH MANGIBEN, Kalanguya Representative







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**Section 2. FUNCTIONS.** The Committee shall perform the following functions:

1. To plan, coordinate and organize the different programs and activities for the celebration and observance of the ICCs/IPs Month;
2. To identify other programs, projects, and activities related to the celebration aside from those identified in the ordinance which they deem relevant to the celebration;
3. Prescribe other guidelines in the implementation of the identified programs, projects and activities during the ICCs/IPs Month Observance and ICCs/IPs Day;
4. Recommend to the Offices of the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan guidelines and policies or for legislation to improve the celebration of the IP Month;
5. To identify and assign working committees to assist in the conduct of the different activities, programs and projects for the month celebration;
6. Perform other functions related to the celebration of the ICCs/IPs Month;

**Section 3. FUNCTIONS of the SECRETARIAT.** The secretariat shall serve during the meeting of the council and shall perform the following:


- a. Provide technical and administrative support to the committee;
- b. Document proceedings of the committee;
- c. Prepare the minutes, resolutions, recommendations, communications and reports;
- d. Serve and follow-up resolutions, recommendations and communications of the committee;
- e. Keep the records of the committee;
- f. Provide such other assistance as may be required by the committee.

**Section 4. MEETINGS and QUORUM.** The Chairperson or in his absence, the Vice Chairperson, shall preside during meetings of the committee. The decision of at least a majority of the members shall be valid and binding as an act of the committee. The Chairperson or in his absence the Vice Chairperson, may only vote in case of a tie.

A quorum shall mean a majority of the total council composition.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVITY.** This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until revoked or amended.

Issued this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

  
**ROMEO K. SALDA**  
Municipal Mayor

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