



**Republic of the Philippines**  
**City of Bago**  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 14-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACIES OF RAFAEL M. SALAS.**

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Rafael M. Salas was born in Bago City, Negros Occidental on August 7, 1928 and he is, one of three children of Ernesto Araneta Salas and Isabel Neri Montinola. After World War II, he went to Manila to continue his education and obtained his B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of the Philippines in 1950. Three years later, he completed his law degree (Cum Laude) from the U.P. College of Law. He then went to Harvard University, where he finished his master's degree in public administration in 1955. He returned to his country and joined the academe at his alma mater, the University of the Philippines as a lecturer in Economics until 1959 when he transferred to the Far Eastern University as professional lecturer until 1961. He was rehired by the University of the Philippines as assistant vice president from 1962-1963 and then as professional lecturer of Law and member of the Board of Regents from 1963-1966;

**WHEREAS**, in 1966, he was recruited Executive Secretary of President Ferdinand E. Marcos. While executive secretary, he was named by Marcos as chief action officer of the National Rice Sufficiency Program and was credited for the dramatic increase in rice production whose shortfall perennially plagued the country;

**WHEREAS**, he became the first executive director of UNFPA in 1969. (The agency is now known as the United Nations Fund and is led by an undersecretary general.) He served this position with efficiency and distinction. As a UN official, he was well respected as a morally upright leader and for his dedication to the advancement of the UN population programs;

**WHEREAS**, an article entitled "Knowing the Man and the Award" which was published by the Commission on Population of the Philippines (POPCOM) cited Salas as "'Mr. Population' in the international community. He brought together more developed and less developed countries, helping them to become aware of the extent to which they share an interest in population and development;

**WHEREAS**, for his contributions to the global understanding of population, Salas received 30 honorary degrees, honorary professorships, and academic awards from higher academic institutions in 25 countries;

**WHEREAS**, besides his role as international public servant, he was also a poet and author. He contributed articles to international magazines and newspapers drawing on his writing skills as past editor of the Philippine Law Journal;

**WHEREAS**, in his honor, several awards and lectures were undertaken by different bodies, local and international, including "The Rafael M. Salas Population and Development Award (RMSPDA)" by POPCOM in 1990, which aims to perpetuate his legacy by recognizing local government units, individuals and institutions for their outstanding achievements and contributions in population management program and "The Annual Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture at the UN headquarters in New York, in memory and tribute to him where under his leadership, the UNFPA grew from a small trust fund to the world's largest multilateral provider of population assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Sangguniang Panlungsod Member Allan C. Galunan, unanimously seconded by Sangguniang Panlungsod Members present, the Sanggunian Panlungsod, resolves as it hereby resolved that:

Section 1. Title. – This ordinance shall be known as the **ORDINANCE TO HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACIES OF RAFAEL M. SALAS.**

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – In honor of one of the great sons of Bago City, it is hereby declared that the life and deeds of Rafael M. Salas be annually commemorate. As such, it is hereby declared that August 7 of every year, his birthday, be declared a working holiday in the city.

Section 3. Activities and Programs. –To perpetuate his significant contributions and legacies, the following activities shall be undertaken every August 7 of every year:

- a.) Commemorative program;
- b.) Youth camp;
- c.) Recognition of outstanding Bagonhons; and
- d.) Contest and exhibits; and
- e.) Such other activities and programs related to his life and deeds.

If August 7 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, the celebration shall be done on the immediately succeeding working day.

Section 4. Creation of Working Committee. – A Working Committee which shall have be in charge of facilitating the activities and programs as stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	-	City Mayor
Vice-Chairman	-	City Vice Mayor

Members:

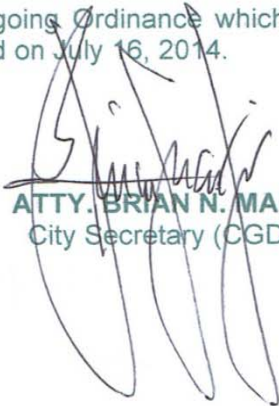
- 1. SP Chairman of the SP Committee on Education;
- 2. The Academe which shall be represented by Schools Division Superintendent of the Division of Bago City as representative of the Department of Education and the President of the Bago City College representing the Bago City College;
- 3. Concerned offices of the City of Bago which will be identified by the Chairman which shall include the City Population Office, the City Environment Office and the Tourism Office, among others; and
- 4. Accredited Civil Society Organizations.

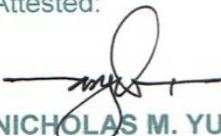
Section 5. Special Integration Curriculum. – Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, a Special Integration curriculum on the life, works and deeds of Rafael Salas shall be adopted in Grades 5 and 6 in all public and private schools in Bago City in consultation with DepEd and the Rafael M. Salas Foundation and Negros Museum.


Section 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted, July 16, 2014.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session held on July 16, 2014.

  
**ATTY. BRIAN N. MARTIR**  
 City Secretary (CGDH-I)

Attested:  
  
**NICHOLAS M. YULO**  
 City Vice Mayor and  
 Presiding Officer

Approved this 21st day of July 2014  
  
**RAMON D. TORRES**  
 City Mayor