

Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE  
Palo, Leyte



PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE  
2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT  
July 10, 2023



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 08 Series of 2023 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity, pursuant to its power under Section 56 (C) of R.A. 7160.

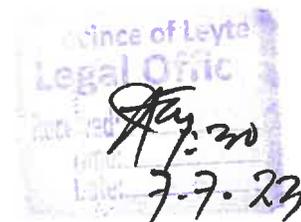
The Provincial Legal Office is of the opinion that the ordinance is in line with Section 16 of the Local Government Code otherwise known as the "General Welfare Clause" which seeks to promote, among others, the preservation and enrichment of culture within the municipality.

**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
Asst. Provincial Legal Officer

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**



**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
06 June 2023

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2023 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE**, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE SONG "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC).

  
**FLORINDA JIL SUYVICO**  
Secretary to the Board

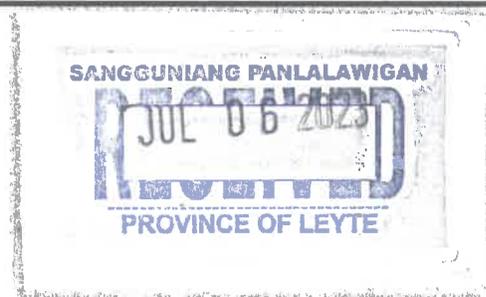


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**MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

July 04, 2023

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE  
NEW LEYTE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL  
PALO, LEYTE



DEAR HONORABLE SP MEMBERS;

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE COPIES OF **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2023 – “AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE SONG “MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW” AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC)” ENACTED BY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL OF MERIDA, LEYTE FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.**

HOPING EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.

THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY,

  
JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



Republic of the Philippines  
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MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA

## SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

SANGGUNIANG PANKALAWIGAN

JUL 06 2023

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE HELD ON MARCH 27, 2023 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.**

### -RESOLUTION NO. 18-23-107-

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2023 "AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE SONG "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC)."**

### -MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08- Series of 2023

**AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE SONG "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC).**

**WHEREAS, there is a preemptory need to declared and confirm the song "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" as the official hymn of the Municipality in order to inculcate among the youth and other inhabitants of the Municipality the love and reverence for our town as expressed in the lyrics of the said song;**

**WHEREAS, causing the song to be registered at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and at the National Historical Commission (NHC) would permanently enshrine the song as the official hymn of Merida;**

**WHEREAS, remembering historical milestones of the Municipality by institutionalizing cultural programs will bring forth community pride and thereby elicit support and involvement in governance;**

**WHEREAS, the adoption of such hymn would build Municipal identify and pride;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, and on motion of Municipal Councilor Camilo L. Dejon, Chairman Committee on Education, Culture, History, Science, Arts and Technology, duly seconded by Hon. Amelita R. Galam.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, TO DECLARE AND CONFIRM THE SONG "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC)."**

**ORDAINED FURTHER, that the song "MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW" shall contain the following lyrics:**

**"MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW"  
(Hymno sa Lungsod sa Merida)**

**Merida nga madasigon,  
adunahan sa tradisyon.  
Kabilin sa kaniadto,  
sa rehimeng Espanyol.  
Merida, ikaw gi amuma.  
Mutya ka sa lalawigan,  
sa amihang kasadpan.  
Mang gihatagon ug Diyosnon.**

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*Merida imong katahom,  
susama sa Magsanga.  
Mga hiyas nga gikuptan  
pagkab-ot sa pangindahay.  
Merida, Garbo ko Ikaw.  
Bisan asa kami mapadpad,  
ikaw magpabilin gayud  
sa handurawan kanunay.  
Padayon padayon sa kalambuan,  
hini atong na sugdan.  
Kalinaw atong ipatigbabaw.  
Merida, Garbo ko Ikaw.  
Merida, Garbo ko Ikaw.*

**ORDAINED FURTHERMORE**, that the said official hymn shall be mandatory and automatically played in all local, public and official events and occasions following the playing of the National Anthem;

*In the Singing of the Merida Hymn, it is required that the following be observed:*

- 1. The singing must be performed in all official assemblages and activities called by the Municipal Government, Barangay Governments, Schools and other agencies located in the Municipality.*
- 2. There singing shall observe no specific order in the program.*
- 3. All must stand up during its singing and must show respect and exhibit politesse.*

**ORDAINED FINALLY**, that violation of this Ordinance shall make the person responsible for the said public and official event or occasion liable under this Ordinance and shall be meted the following penalties:

First Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Written Reprimand  
Second Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Php500.00 or Twelve (12) hours community service  
Third Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Php1,000.00 or Twenty-four (24) hours community service

*Let a copy of this Ordinance be furnished all concerned through the Office of the Municipal Tourism Officer for their proper information and guidance.*

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED AND APPROVED ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING.**

**ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2023 BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (18TH COUNCIL) OF MERIDA, LEYTE.**

**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS**

*[Signature]*  
**CHENIL C. CALDERON**  
Municipal Councilor  
Assistant Floor Leader

*[Signature]*  
**JOEL A. MARSON**  
Municipal Councilor

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**JESUS ANTONIO R. MARTINEZ**  
Municipal Councilor

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**EMARITO A. LUZARES**  
Municipal Councilor  
Majority Floor Leader

  
**CAMILO L. DEJON**  
Municipal Councilor

  
**FELIPE H. PEREZ, JR.**  
Municipal Councilor

  
**NENFA C. OYAO**  
Municipal Councilor

  
**STEPHANIE M. MIRALLES**  
Municipal Councilor

  
**AMELITA R. GALAM**  
Ex Officio (LnB President)

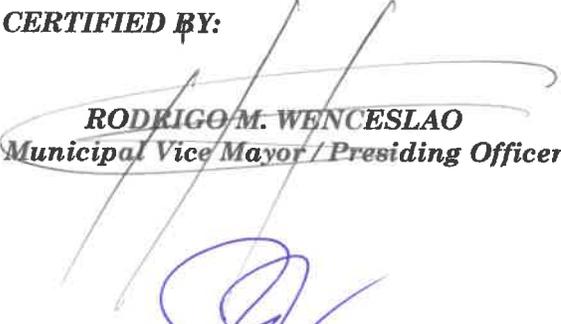
  
**RALPH STEEVE M. MIRALLES**  
Ex-Officio (Mun. Sk Federation President)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON APRIL 19, 2023.

APPROVED BY:

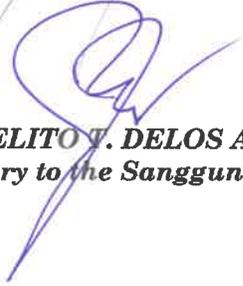
  
**ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASEÑICIO**  
Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

  
**PHIALENE ROSARI C. BARONDA**  
Private Secretary II

  
**JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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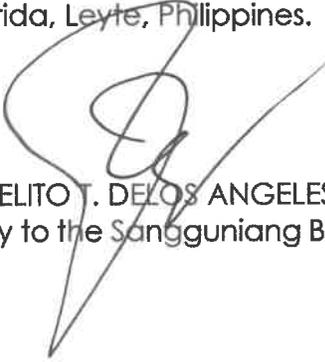
CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2023 – “AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE SONG “MERIDA, GARBO KO IKAW” AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, CAUSING THE SAME TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION (NHC)”** had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from APRIL 25, 2023 to MAY 16, 2023.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 04<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2023 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.

  
JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan