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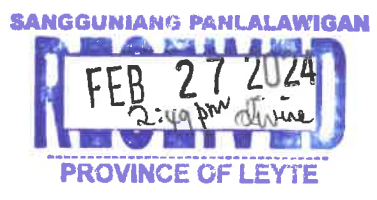
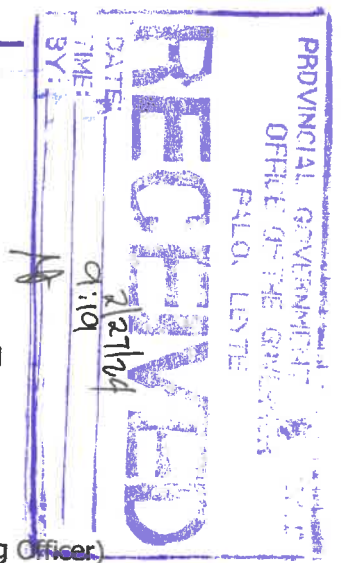
Republic of the Philippines  
Province of *Leyte*  
Municipality of Tolosa

*Office of the Sangguniang Bayan*

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 80<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TOLOSA, HELD AT THE  
SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Menardo M. Mate                      | - | - | Municipal Vice-Mayor (Presiding Officer) |
| Hon. Felicito D. Beltran III              | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Manny R. Martinez, RN., MPRM., DPA.- | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Edilberto R. Zabala, Jr.             | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Manuel B. Balledo                    | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Felipe V. Canonigo III               | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Virman Jessie O. Pundavela-          | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Ireneo Rolando A. Lumbre -           | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Rolly A. Cinco                       | - | - | Sangguniang Bayan Member                 |
| Hon. Melanie Felisa M. Vivero             | - | - | Ex-Officio Member/ABC President          |
| Hon. Catherine R. Benjamin                | - | - | Ex-Officio Member/SK Fed. President      |



**RESOLUTION NO. 02-19-2024**

**A RESOLUTION URGING ALL SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AND SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY TO EXPRESS COLLECTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN PROTECTING THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA**

**WHEREAS**, forwarded to this Sanggunian for consideration is Resolution No. 325 of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sanggunian Panlalawigan of the Province of Aurora, entitled: "A Resolution Urging All Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panglungsod, Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Barangay to Express Collective Support for the Philippine Government's Efforts in Protecting the West Philippine Sea";

**WHEREAS**, the West Philippine Sea refers to the portions of the South China Sea which the Philippine government claims to be part of the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The naming of the area became official through Administrative Order No. 29 issued by then-President Benigno Aquino III on September 5, 2012. The order also cites Presidential Decree No. 1599 which was issued in 1978 during the tenure of then President Ferdinand Marcos which established the Philippine EEZ as well as the Republic Act No. 9522 of the Baselines Law which was enacted into law in 2009 during the administration of then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo which delineated the baselines of the Philippine archipelago;

**WHEREAS**, the West Philippine Sea is currently facing territorial dispute and incursions by foreign entities which poses significant threat to the sovereignty, security and economic interests of the country;

**WHEREAS**, from harassing Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) resupply missions in Philippine waters and announcing its "10-dash line" map to setting up a floating barriers near the Scarborough Shoal in September, China has been increasing its provocations against Philippines' sovereignty and sovereign rights in the West Philippine Sea;

**WHEREAS**, this Sanggunian recognizes the urgent need for collective support and solidarity among local government units in protecting our sovereign rights and interests in the Philippine Sea;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Manny R. Martinez, RN., MPRM., DPA., and duly seconded unanimously, be it;

**RESOLVED**, that this Body urges, as it is hereby Urging All Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panglungsod, Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Barangay to Express Collective Support for the Philippine Government's Efforts in Protecting the West Philippine Sea;



**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** that this Resolution be forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Aurora, the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Secretary of the Department of National Defense, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Governor Carlos Jericho L. Petilla, this Province for their information; and all concerned saggunians and local government units, for their information and possible support.

**APPROVED.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**CONSUELO R. LUMBRE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

**MOVANT:**

  
**HON. MANNY R. MARTINEZ, RN., MPRM., DPA.**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

**ATTESTED:**

  
**HON. MENARDO M. MATE**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. ERWIN C. OCAÑA**  
Municipal Mayor