



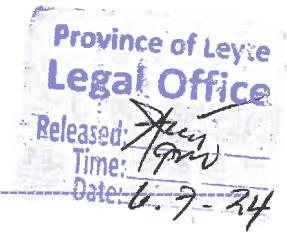
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**PROVINCE OF LEYTE**  
 Provincial Capitol  
 Tacloban City

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**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**



**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
 May 30, 2024

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 24-05 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

**Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:**

- Ordinance No. 24-05 entitled: **An Ordinance Declaring Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte and Declaring Every 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June as a Special Working Holiday to Commemorate His Birth.**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance consists declaration of two main subjects: *1) the declaration of Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. as Local hero and 2) to declare every 6<sup>th</sup> day of June as Special Working Holiday.*

As to the first subject, declaration of a local hero **is within** the corporate powers of the local government unit to enact as provided under Sec 458 of the R.A. 7160. Sec 16 of the same Code refers to General Welfare clause which grants every local government unit to ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture.

As to second subject, the Local Government Code of 1991 **does not** confer authority to the local government to declare local holidays in their respective jurisdiction.

“The authority to declare local holidays – be it working or non-working -is vested with the Congress of the Philippines or the President (*pursuant to Section 27 of Executive Order No. 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987*). The only ramification if the local special day is declared by the President is that it lacks permanence, thus, the declaration needs to be made yearly. On the other hand, if the local holiday is declared by the Congress, it is permanent.

Nowhere in the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) or any other laws for that matter, can we find the provision that expressly grant the local government the power to declare local holidays in their respective jurisdiction”.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *DILG Opinion No. 127 s. 2022. October 11, 2022.*

That in view thereof, this office finds the subject ordinance as **partially invalid** with respect to the declaration of special working holiday.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents as presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

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

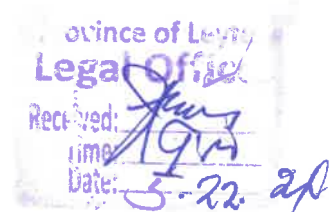
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
22 May 2024



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-05**, of the **MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, LEYTE**, entitled: **An Ordinance Declaring Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, and Declaring Every 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June as a Special Working Holiday to Commemorate His Birth.**

*[Signature]*  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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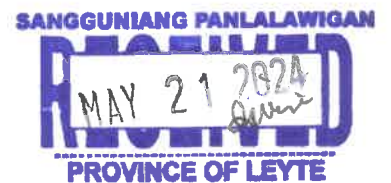
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

May 21, 2024

**THE HONORABLE MEMBERS**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

**ATTENTION: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Province of Leyte  
Palo, Leyte



Ladies/Gentlemen:

We transmit herewith 15 copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 24-05**, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled “**An Ordinance Declaring NORBERTO L. ROMUALDEZ, SR. as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, and Declaring Every 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June as a Special Working Holiday to Commemorate His Birth**”, for review and approval of the body.

Thank you and please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

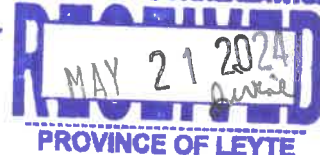
  
**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-05**  
**Series of 2024**

**“AN ORDINANCE DECLARING NORBERTO L. ROMUALDEZ, SR. AS A LOCAL HERO OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, LEYTE, AND DECLARING EVERY 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE HIS BIRTH”**

**WHEREAS**, Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr., born on June 6, 1894, in Burauen, Leyte, was a prominent Filipino politician, lawyer, and statesman, known for his remarkable dedication and service to the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, and to the Filipino people;

**WHEREAS**, Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. served as the Governor of Leyte Province from 1934 to 1941, during which he implemented various programs and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of Leyteños, promoting education, agriculture, and infrastructure development;

**WHEREAS**, he was also a member of the Philippine House of Representatives representing Leyte's second district from 1941 to 1953, where he tirelessly advocated for the interests of his constituents and played a significant role in shaping legislation that benefited the people of Burauen and the entire province;

**WHEREAS**, Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. was a staunch advocate for Philippine independence and democracy, actively participating in the country's political landscape during crucial periods in its history;

**WHEREAS**, his legacy extends beyond his political career, as he was deeply committed to the welfare of his community, supporting various social, cultural, and humanitarian causes that uplifted the lives of his fellow Leyteños;

**WHEREAS**, it is only fitting to honor the memory of Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. by declaring him as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, and by commemorating his birth annually with a Special Working Holiday to celebrate his exemplary life and contributions to our municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, that:

**SECTION 1.** Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. is hereby declared as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, in recognition of his outstanding leadership, service, and dedication to the welfare and development of our community.

**SECTION 2.** Every 6th day of June shall be declared as a Special Working Holiday in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, to commemorate the birth of Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr., and to honor his invaluable contributions to our municipality and the entire province of Leyte.



**SECTION 3.** All offices, schools, and establishments in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, are encouraged to conduct activities and programs that celebrate the life, achievements, and legacy of Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. on the said Special Working Holiday.

**SECTION 4.** The Municipal Mayor, in collaboration with relevant government agencies, educational institutions, and community organizations, shall lead the planning and implementation of commemorative activities and events to honor Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. on the Special Working Holiday.

**SECTION 5.** The Municipal Mayor, in coordination with the Tourism Office and relevant departments, shall be responsible for the effective implementation of this ordinance and the successful execution of the Buraburon Festival.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7.** If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**ENACTED,** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

**ATTESTED:**

  
**HON. NOEL P. ALPINO**  
*Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer*

(absent)  
**HON. VINCENT G. ENERLAN**  
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

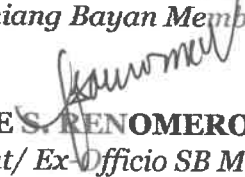
  
**HON. CIPRIANO R. RELATORRES, JR.**  
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

  
**HON. HERMENIA C. CAMASIN**  
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

  
**HON. BRYAN R. CINCO**  
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

  
**HON. DEYVER R. SENO**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(on maternity leave)  
**HON. EVAFE A. CORAL**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. FE S. RENOMERON**  
LnB President/ Ex-Officio SB Member

  
**HON. ROBERT G. DEL PILAR**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. OSCAR A. CAGARA**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(absent)  
**HON. JUSTINE MERP G. ANDRADE**  
SK Federation President/ Ex-Officio Member

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON**  
Municipal Mayor



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **Municipal Ordinance No. 24-05**, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled, ***“An Ordinance Declaring Norberto L. Romualdez, Sr. as a Local Hero of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, and Declaring Every 6<sup>th</sup> of June as a Special Working Holiday to Commemorate His Birth”***, was enacted on March 4, 2024, approved on even date, and has been posted in two (2) conspicuous and publicly accessible places of the municipality from *March 6, 2024 to March 15, 2024*, in compliance with Section 59, paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

Burauen, Leyte, March 18, 2024.

**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*