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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>st</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL GROUNDS, TACLOBAN CITY ON 22 MAY 2020.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Carlo P. Lorefo          | - | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer                                  |
| 2. Hon. Florante A. Cayunda, Jr. | - | Floor Leader   |
| 3. Hon. Ranulfo S. Abellanos     | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Floor Leader                              |
| 4. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin       | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Board Member                            |
| 5. Hon. Mesias P. Arevalo        | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                            |
| 6. Hon. Emmanuel L. Gacis        | - | 5 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                            |
| 7. Hon. Nolie C. Caña            | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/LnBP Provl. President |
| 8. Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy        | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/PCL President         |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol        | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Floor Leader                                     |
| 2. Hon. Gina E. Merilo             | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| 3. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban- | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| 4. Hon. Anna Victoria V. Tuazon    | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| 5. Hon. Maria Carmen Jean T. Rama- | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                                   |
| 6. Hon. Jo Vanille C. Merilo       | - | Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member/SK Provincial Fed. President |

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-435

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE BALIK PROBINSYA TASK FORCE OF LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER PURPOSES".

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 and 12 of the 1987 Constitution declare the State policies of (a) promoting a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all, and (b) promoting comprehensive rural development;

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**WHEREAS**, Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution emphasizes that the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, and expanded productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged, for which reason the State promotes full employment based on sound agricultural development and the empowerment and creation of local industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, and ensures that all sectors of the economy and all regions of the country have optimum opportunities to develop;

**WHEREAS**, on 6 May 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order No. 114 institutionalizing the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (BP Program) as a pillar of balanced regional development, and creating the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Council (the "Council") to ensure whole-of-government action on the implementation of the BP2 Program;

**WHEREAS**, many individuals have signified their intention to return or relocate to Leyte as their home province under the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (Balik Probinsya Applicants), by lodging online applications at [www.balikprobinsya.ph](http://www.balikprobinsya.ph) or by lodging applications with the Balik Probinsya Center nearest them;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to create a Balik Probinsya Task Force for Leyte to facilitate the provision of logistical support for Balik Probinsya Applicants arriving in Leyte, and liaise with government agencies to prepare and provide the support that Balik Probinsya Applicants need for housing, livelihood, education, and incentives that the BP Program mandates be made available to them on the short term.

**WHEREAS**, in light of the fact that the Department of Health (DOH) included COVID-19 in the list of notifiable diseases in the country (warranting the mandatory reporting of COVID-19 as a health event of public concern in accordance with Republic Act No. 11332, and necessitating the observance of surveillance measures and a notification, detection, reporting, and epidemiologic investigation process under Administrative Order No. 2020-0012), there is a need to facilitate compliance with guidelines, protocols and precautionary measures to be observed by Balik Probinsya Applicants travelling to Leyte from a place or stopover under community quarantine or with reported incidents of COVID-19 infection, which include mandatory reporting and truthful and accurate disclosure of requested personal data to the proper authorities for purposes of contact tracing and management of the COVID-19 disease with effective and efficient disease surveillance and response;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte is authorized to adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the province from the harmful effects of disasters and calamities, and provide assistance, and enact ordinances for the general welfare of the Province and its inhabitants, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code (LGC), and Section 468 (1) (iv) of the LGC;



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**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion presented by the Honorable Florante A. Cayunda, Jr., and duly seconded by the Honorable Trinidad G. Apostol, be it

**RESOLVED** to **enact**, as it is hereby **ENACTED** on third and final reading, the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13**  
**Series of 2020**

**AUTHORS:** ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO  
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**“AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE BALIK PROBINSYA TASK FORCE OF LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER PURPOSES”.**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the ordinance creating and establishing the Balik Leyte Task Force.

**SECTION 2. CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BALIK LEYTE TASK FORCE.** The Balik Leyte Task Force is hereby created and established to facilitate and monitor efficient compliance by the Province of Leyte and the local government units (LGUs) within its territorial jurisdiction with the duties and responsibilities required of LGUs under the Balik Probinsya Program instituted by Executive Order No. 114 and its implementing guidelines.

The Balik Leyte Task Force shall consist of the following members:

Chairperson: The Provincial Governor of Leyte  
Vice Chairperson: The Vice Governor of Leyte  
Secretariat: National Economic and Development Authority  
(NEDA) Regional Director



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Committee Members:

League of Municipalities of the Philippines – Leyte Chapter  
President  
Association of Barangay Chairmen – Provincial President of Leyte  
Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Provincial  
Director  
Department of Transportation (DOTr) Provincial Director  
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Provincial  
Director  
Department of Health (DOH) Provincial Director  
National Housing Authority (NHA) Provincial Director  
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Provincial Director  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Provincial Director  
Department of Tourism (DOT) Provincial Director  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)  
Provincial Director  
Department of Agriculture (DA) Provincial Director  
Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Provincial Director  
Department of Education (DepEd) Provincial Director  
Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Provincial Director  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Provincial  
Director  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Provincial Director  
Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Representative  
Department of Finance (DOF) Representative  
Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Representative  
Department of Information and Communications Technology  
(DICT) Representative  
Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Representative  
Board of Investments (BOI) Representative

**SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BALIK LEYTE TASK FORCE.** The  
duties of the Balik Leyte Task Force are as follows:

- (1) To regularly liaise with the Province of Leyte and the LGUs (Leyte LGUs) within its territorial jurisdiction to facilitate and monitor compliance with the Balik Probinsya Program guidelines and Framework referred to in Executive Order 114;
- (2) To liaise and coordinate with the Balik Probinsya Council (BP Council) (a) for the efficient and expedient implementation of the Balik Probinsya Program, (b) to facilitate the Leyte LGUs' requests for technical assistance, resource-sharing arrangements, co-financing mechanisms with development partners, employment and support assistance packages, (c) to provide support requested by the Council to educate, disseminate information, engage the participation and consultation of stakeholders, ascertain compliance of beneficiaries, and supply the data and information requested for the BP2 online platform, and (d) for the performance of such other tasks directed by the BP Council.

- (3) To facilitate the establishment of **BP2 desks** in all the offices of the BP Council's member agencies for accessibility of BP2 beneficiaries, program partners, and stakeholders, and in order to track and monitor compliance with the Balik Probinsya Program guidelines and Framework referred to in Executive Order 114;
- (4) To create, publish, and maintain an online registry to apprise BP beneficiaries, program partners, and stakeholders of the following: (a) the pipeline or existing programs, activities, or projects with available funds or appropriations that support the required interventions under the Balik Probinsya Program, are ready to implement, and prioritized under the BP implementing guidelines, in accordance with Section 5 (a) of EO 114, (b) the directory of Leyte's local industries, MSMEs, and agricultural cooperatives, to tap for value chain development and full integration into the value chains of export and domestic-oriented enterprises; (c) infrastructure, financial support, and incentives available to local agricultural industries and agriculture cooperatives, and (d) Open Distance Learning opportunities available in rural communities;
- (5) To create a **Balik Probinsya Logistics Group** composed of representatives of the Department of Transportation, Department of Interior and Local Government, Provincial Government, Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Philippine Coast Guard to facilitate the transportation and relocation of the Balik Probinsya Applicants.

**SECTION 4. MANDATORY REGISTRATION, DISCLOSURE, AND REPORTING COVID-19 RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Balik Probinsya Logistics Group shall coordinate with each Municipality and Component City within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte to ensure compliance by all Leyte-bound Balik Probinsya Applicants of the mandatory registration, disclosure, and reporting requirements in accordance with the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, relevant DILG and DOH issuances, and the Mandatory Registration, Disclosure and Reporting Ordinance for COVID - 19 Contact Tracing, Surveillance and Response of the Province of Leyte.

**SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** An initial appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) is hereby allocated for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities identified in this ordinance. Thereafter, funds to operationalize and sustain the Balik Leyte Task Force shall be included in the annual budget of the Provincial Government of Leyte.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) working days after approval.

**Approved unanimously.**

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

  
**FLORINDA JILD S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

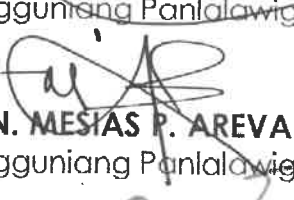
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Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member

  
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**ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO**  
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

Approved:



**LEOPOLDO DOMINICO L. PETILLA**  
Governor

DATE: 24 JUN 2020

