

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Leyte  
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTERPART PROVINCIAL AWARD AND TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAMS FOR CENTENARIANS AND NONAGENARIAN SENIOR CITIZENS, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, cognizant of ARTICLE 98 par.4, sub-par. (ix) of IRR No. 7160 which provides in part, that the SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, Establish a provincial council for the elderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the province; and subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the elderly; and provide incentives for NGOs to support the programs and projects of the elderly;

**WHEREAS**, it is the holistic advocacy of the Province of Leyte to afford due recognition and accolade to Centenarians in their positive contribution to the fast boom and growth of the Municipality and in Nation Building;

**WHEREAS**, this is in consonance with the provisions of R.A. 10868, also known as the CENTENARIAN ACT OF 2016;

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**Section 1.** Title – This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTERPART PROVINCIAL AWARD AND TO FACILITATE PROGRAMS FOR CENTENARIANS, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

**Section 2.** Declaration of Policies. – It is rare achievement and a distinction worthy of emulation and public recognition for a person to live for a century and beyond. While the State may design programs of social security for these Centenarians, it is recognized that it is the duty of the family to look after its elderly members and considering that most if not all of those persons of advanced aged need special care and attention, this too is a laudable feat of those who take care of such Centenarians, deserving praise. Premised on these the following are the declared policies of this Ordinance:

(a) To motivate and encourage the Centenarian citizen to serve as an example of excellent discipline and as an inspiration to the next generations, and thus even at a ripe age still contribute to nation building;

(b) To encourage their families or benefactor and the communities they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino tradition of caring for the Centenarian citizens.

In accordance with these policies, this Ordinance aims to:

- (1) Recognize in a positive manner the rare achievement of being Centenarian;
- (2) Award a Centenarian and grant benefits in such a way that he /she is able to enjoy life in a Privileged way;
- (3) Adopt measures whereby the Centenarians are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole;
- (4) Establish programs beneficial to the Centenarian, in his family, and the community.

**Section 3.** Definition of Terms – As used in this Ordinance, the term "Centenarian Citizen" shall mean any Filipino citizen at least one hundred (100) years old and a resident of Tanauan, Leyte.

The term "Family" shall mean any person or group of persons related to the Centenarian by consanguinity or affinity who takes care of him/her as a dependent.

The term "benefactor" shall mean any person whether related to the senior citizen or not who takes care of him/her as a dependent.

The term "Committee" shall mean the Review, Verification and facilitation Committee established for the purpose.

The term "nonagenarian" shall mean a person who is from 90 to 99 years old.

**Section 4.** Resolution of Felicitation and Cash Incentive – Upon his/her birthday, a Centenarian shall be honored with:

- (a) A resolution of felicitation from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- (b) A Centenarian's cash incentive in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00)

**Section 5.** National Respect for Centenarians Day – September 25 of each year having been declared as such, all Filipinos who have turned Centenarian in the current year shall be awarded a plaque of recognition in the ceremony especially provided for the occasion.

In the same event, posthumous plaques of recognition in honor of deceased Centenarians shall be presented to the nearest surviving relative of each centenarian or his/her representative.

**Section 6.** Additional Incentives -By virtue of Sec. 447(5) (XVII) in relation to Sec. 16 of R. A. No. 7160, it is hereby ordained that a resident Nonagenarian Senior Citizen who reaches the age of Ninety (90) shall be awarded a cash incentive of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000.00)

Hence, all resident senior citizens who are more than ninety years old shall automatically qualify for said award.

The implementation of this clause shall be non-retroactive and only applicable to qualified senior citizens who are living as of the approval date.

**Section 7.** Review , Verification and Facilitation COMMITTEE – Within fifteen (15) days from the approval of this ordinance there shall be established in the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan a Review, Verification and Facilitation Committee to be headed by Chairman, Committee on Senior Citizens, who shall be designated by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and assisted by the Civil Registrar, Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Health Officer. Community. The functions of this Committee are:

(a) To promulgate the necessary guidelines for and take the lead in the effective implementation of this Ordinance, such as but not limited to, the following;

- . The residency requirement of potential awardees.
- . Effective information dissemination for this program.
- . Tasking of the different departments or members of the Committee.

(b) To plan, implement and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of this ordinance.

(c.) To draw up a list of qualified awardees for the present year to be accomplished by the last Friday of January of each year;

(d) To maintain and regularly update on a yearly basis the list of senior citizens who are potential centenarians for the next succeeding five years and to monitor their health and well-being;

(e) To evaluate, review, and verify the veracity as to the qualification of a potential Centenarian;

(f) To service as a general information, facilitation and liaison center for the benefit of the centenarian citizen.

**Section 8.** Appropriation of Funds – The necessary funds for the implementation of this ordinance shall be appropriated in the annual budget of the Province of Leyte.

**Section 9.** Separability Clause – If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.

**Section 10.** Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following the posting and publication in a conspicuous area of the Municipal Hall, the Marketplace, and any other public place designated for the purpose.