

**SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
**PROVINCE OF LEYTE**  
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Province of Leyte  
Municipality of Palompon  
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**SANGGUNIANG RESOLUTION NO. 1361-021224**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 11077, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN LEYTE", INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD I. GOMEZ, 4TH DISTRICT OF LEYTE**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives thru Representative Richard I. Gomez of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Leyte, has introduced House Bill No. 11077, which seeks to create a new province to be known as the Province of Western Leyte;

WHEREAS, the proposed division of the Province of Leyte would result in the creation of two separate administrative and political units, which may argued that it does not reflect the historical, cultural, and geographical unity of the province;

WHEREAS, the municipalities and cities within the current Province of Leyte are not geographically separated by large bodies of water, thereby lacking the natural divisions that often justify the creation of a separate province;

WHEREAS, dividing the Province of Leyte based on the proposed legislation would undermine the strong sense of unity and shared identity among Leyteños, which have been fostered over generations of cooperation and solidarity;

WHEREAS, creating a new province would result in additional administrative costs, duplication of governance structures, and potential inefficiencies, without clear evidence of significant socio-economic benefits for the constituents;

WHEREAS, that the bill proposed by Rep. Gomez should embody the inherent right of the people to be informed - that the constituents affected in the said creation - should at least be informed and be actively engaged in fruitful discussions related to the said bill;

WHEREAS, there is a lack of public consultation between and among constituents, diverse sectors, and stakeholders which form part of the people that Rep. Gomez so represent;

WHEREAS, such division create unnecessary barriers to regional planning, resource sharing, and coordinated development efforts that are currently streamlined under one provincial government;

WHEREAS, this division in the Province of Leyte will exacerbate existing inequalities as it would magnify the present disparity of resource allocation and representation;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by this body, to express its strong opposition to House Bill No. 11077, entitled "An Act Creating the Province of Western Leyte," for the reason that the Province of Leyte is not divided by waters, and the proposed separation does not reflect the true geographic, historical, or cultural realities of the province;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Representative Richard I. Gomez, the House of Representatives, and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action;

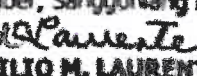
RESOLVED FINALLY, that this body calls for inclusive consultation and study to ensure that any proposed restructuring of the Province of Leyte truly serves the best interests of its people and preserves its unity.

*[Handwritten signatures and stamps]*  
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ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2024 in the Municipality of Palompon, Leyte.

  
**EDGAR P. PACALDO**  
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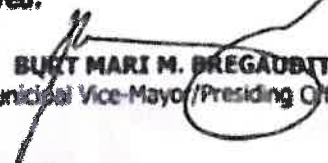
  
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**MANUELENE CHORETTE M. TEE**  
Ex-Officio Member - SK Fed. President

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned Municipal Resolution.

  
**AIME O. MACAYAN**  
LLSE I/Temporary Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

Attested and Approved:

  
**BURT MARI M. BREGAUDIT**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor /Presiding Officer