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Republic of the Philippines Department of the Interior and Local Government MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE

JOINT RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RATIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 110-25 of the MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF ITS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES INVOLVING THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE MILLION PESOS (PHP 95,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, the undersigned Punong Barangays of the Municipality of Leyte, by virtue of their election to office under the provisions of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and paragraph 15, Section 389, Chapter 3 thereof, are specifically tasked to promote the general welfare of their constituents;

WHEREAS, invoking Section 33 of the same code, their respective barangays are empowered to coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for commonly beneficial purposes;

WHEREAS, on **January 13, 2025**, the Municipality of Leyte passed and approved, without conducting public hearings and consultations, Municipal Ordinance No. 110-25 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF NINETY FIVE MILLION PESOS (PHP 95,000.00) TO FUND FOR THE PRIORITY PROJECTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE UNDER THE TEN YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the undersigned punong barangays and their respective constituents have learned that the Municipality of Leyte had, on **January 15, 2025**, concluded a Loan Agreement with Land Bank of the Philippines, through the latter's Southern Leyte Lending Center, for the sum of NINETY-FIVE MILLION PESOS (PHP 95,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the loan agreement was consummated only two (2) days after the passage of the loan ordinance, even prior to the latter's review by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to Section 52 of the Local Government Code of 1991, in which case, the same ordinance has no legally binding effect for having been enacted and enforced in *ultra vires* in and in contravention of the sound public policies on accountability, transparency and public purpose;

WHEREAS, the lack of public hearings and consultations in the matter of the loan of a substantial amount that will be paid out of public funds without clearcut policies and guidelines for their use, and the passage of its enabling ordinance, violated the fundamental right of the

people to be aware on matters of public concerns under Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, thus:

SECTION 7. The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents, and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 56 (c) of the Local Government Code of 1991, if the sangguniang panlalawigan finds that such an ordinance or resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in part. The sangguniang panlalawigan shall enter its action in the minutes and shall advise the corresponding city or municipal authorities of the action it has taken. Without the prior review and recommendation of by the proper sanggunian, no actions maybe lawfully done based on the supposed ordinance.

WHEREAS, the timing of the loan agreement and the loan ordinance coincides with the election period during which there is a ban on disbursement of funds for public works, local government loan proceeds for this matter included. Public funds are better safeguarded so they may not be used to advance the political agenda of those who signed the loan ordinance while at the same time running for different elective posts in the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections.

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, let it be collectively resolved that:

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE PROVINCE EITHER DEFER OR DISAPPROVE THE PASSAGE OR RATIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 110-25 of the MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF ITS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES INVOLVING THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE MILLION PESOS (PHP 95,000,000.00)

Done and signed this day, March 13, 2025, in the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte, Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE FOLLOWING HAVE VOLUNTARILY AFFIXED THEIR SIGNATURES OPPOSITE THEIR PRINTED NAMES:

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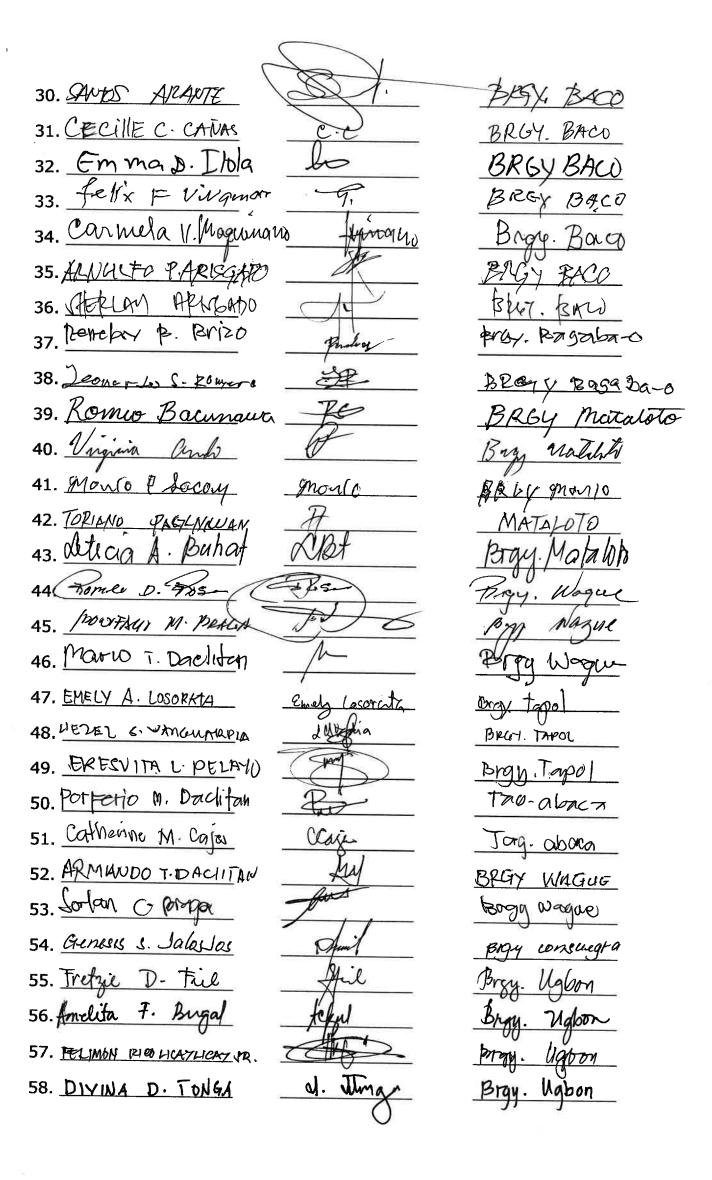
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