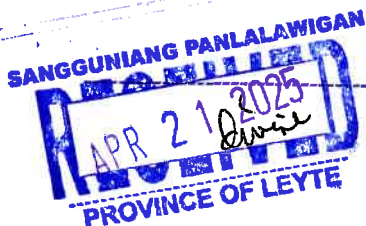
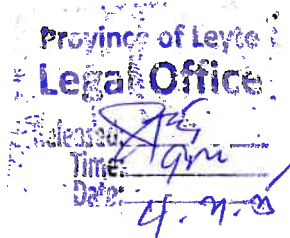




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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT
April 4, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 04 series of 2024 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 04 series of 2024 entitled: **“Villaba Hymn Ordinance.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)¹ and (a)(1)(iii)² of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, it is recommended that the clerical errors “Cluse” and “Repeling” found on Section 11, 12 and 13 of the same Ordinance be corrected accordingly. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity subject to corrections of the clerical errors.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are 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
Provincial Legal Officer X

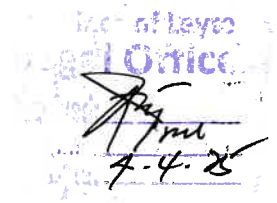
¹;(a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,

² (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
04 April 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 04, S. 2024** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the "Lungsod Nga Among Natawhan" as the official hymn of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte and prescribing its mandatory singing in official and functions of all public and private institutions in Villaba, Leyte and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JILI S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



April 4, 2025

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS
New Provincial Government Complex
Campetic, Palo, Leyte

Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer



Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

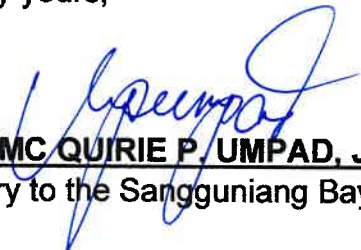
We respectfully transmit herewith sixteen (16) original copies of:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 4, S- 2025 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE "LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING ITS MANDATORY SINGING IN OFFICIAL AND FUNCTIONS OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN VILLABA, LEYTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

for your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD, J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

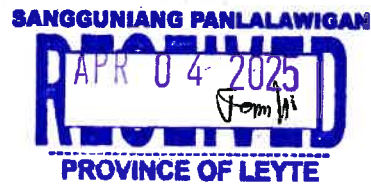
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THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING OFFICE
Local Government Unit
Villaba, Leyte



RESOLUTION NO. 20, S. 2025

A RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE NO.4, S.2025



AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE "LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN" AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PRESCRIBING ITS MANDATORY SINGING IN OFFICIAL AND FUNCTIONS OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN VILLABA, LEYTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. NIEL ALBERT B. INOPIQUEZ

Sponsor:

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates LGUs to ensure and support, among other purposes, the preservation and enrichment of their culture;

WHEREAS, there is an indispensable need to declare and adopt the song "Lungsod nga Among Natawhan" as the official hymn of the Municipality in order to foster among its people sense of identity, self-esteem and pride being a resident of Villaba, Leyte;

WHEREAS, "Lungsod nga Among Natawhan" aims to preserve and uphold the citizens' unique identity as Villabanons and thus, this hymn represents a patriotic symbol that carries our history, struggles and victories as a town;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte, in regular session assembled that;

ARTICLE - I

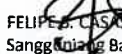
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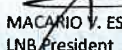
TITLE, SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS


SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as, the **"VILLABA HYMN ORDINANCE"** in the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte.

SECTION 2. SCOPE. This ordinance shall be enforced during all official and formal functions, activities and programs held within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Villaba.


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Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


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Sangguniang Bayan Member

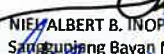

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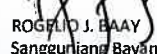

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ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERM. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Official Hymn – shall refer to a song, entitled “Lungsod nga Among Natawhan”, written and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Christoper & Josefa Lipon;
- b. Official & Formal functions, activities and programs – Any event or occasion conducted within the territorial jurisdiction of the Local Government Unit of Villaba that involves the general public as participants or audiences.

ARTICLE - II

REGULATORY PROVISION

SECTION 4. OFFICIAL LYRICS. The “Lungsod nga Among Natawhan” must always be sang in original language (Cebuano) in which it was compose;

LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN

Letra: *Mrs. Josefa Lipon*

Musica: *Christopher M. Lipon*

I.

Diamante ka nga gitipigan sa Tanan
Bililhon nga labaw pa sa bulawan
Sama sa talagsa-ong perlas sa kadagatan
Gipasigarbo ka sa imong katawhan

II.

Maabi-abihon ang imong mga tawo
Respitado ug puno sa talento
Sa mga abot sa imong uma ug katubigan
Ikaw abunda tungod sa gasa sa kahitas-an

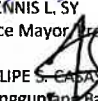
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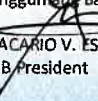
Villaba Leyte Lungsod nga among Natawhan
Nagpabilin lig-on sa naglabay'ng katuigan
Nagapadayon ang imong pagka progresibo
Kay hingyap namo ang imong pag-asenso

III.

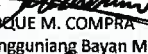
Mga Villabanhon kon kami tawagon
Sa kinabuhi madasigon ug ma-ampuon
Ang mabulokong Villa-Alba nga among sayaw
Masadya namo kining gisangyaw
(Balik Koro)

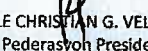

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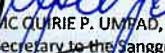

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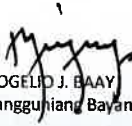

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Coda:

Villaba Leyte lungsud ang among Natawhan
Ikaw among ampingan ug dili gayod talikdan

SECTION 5. RHYTHM OF THE OFFICIAL HYMN – the “Lungsod nga Among Natawhan”, shall have a rhythm in two – fourth (2/4) beat;

SECTION 6. SINGING OF THE OFFICIAL HYMN – the “Lungsod nga Among Natawhan” shall be sang after the singing of the National Anthem and during official and functions, activities and programs conducted within the Local Government Unit of Villaba; while singing the official hymn, all persons shall stand in attention, with the hands down.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE – the Office of the Municipal Tourism shall be tasked to carry out the implementation of the provision of this ordinance. It shall be responsible in the circularizing and enhancement of the musical arrangement of the hymn, including audio-visual and cinematographic of the official hymn. Further, digital or video copies shall be distributed to all schools and to the thirty-five (35) barangays.

To fully implement the use of the official hymn, the rights and ownership reserved to the composer shall be transferred to the Local Government Unit of Villaba.

SECTION 8. PROHIBITED ACTS ON THE USAGE OF THE HYMN – it shall be prohibited to:

- a. By any act to change the lyrics and rhythm of the official hymn with the intention to dishonour or ridicule the official hymn;
- b. To sing or play the official hymn for mere recreation, amusement, or entertainment purposes, either in the stage or social media sites;
- c. To display the official hymn whether its title or lyrics for business purposes;
- d. To print, paint or attach the lyrics whether full or partial on any articles of merchandise, except upon for LGUs government official representations;
- e. To use the official hymn for political activities or for election propaganda;
- f. To be used by any individual, organization or association whether for legitimate purpose, except approved by the local government unit of Villaba;
- g. To plagiarize the lyrics of the Official Hymn;
- h. Any other circumstances of a similar acts analogous to those above mentioned.

SECTION 9. MODIFICATION IN THE LYRICS OF THE MUNICIPAL HYMN – the official hymn shall not be modified, unless:

- a. By enactment of an ordinance modifying the same;
- b. Any modification shall be made upon the recommendation of the Culture and Arts Board and only once every ten (10) years, unless otherwise provided by law or ordinance.

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Municipal Mayor

ARTICLE III PENAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 10. PENALTY – Any person or persons who by acts or omission violates the provision this ordinance shall be penalized by:

1. First Offense..... Reprimand
2. Second Offense..... Php. 1,000.00
3. Third Offense..... Php. 2,500.00 or an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months or both at the discretion of the court.

ARTICLE IV – FINAL PROVISION

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLUSE. Any provision held to be invalid or declared unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect;

SECTION 12. REPELING CLUSE. All ordinance, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after it has been posted in two (2) conspicuous places and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Being moved for approval by the Hon. Niel Albert B. Inopiquez, this Ordinance was approved on February 3, 2025.


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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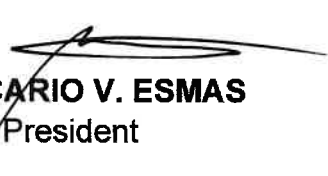

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APPROVED:


ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

11 MAR 2025

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1 S.2025
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING "LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN" AS
OFFICIAL HYMN OF MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA**

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The attendees expressed strong support for the passage of the proposed ordinance because this initiative aims to foster a sense of unity and pride among our residents by formalizing a song that embodies our town's rich heritage and shared aspirations. "Lungsod nga Among Natawhan" preserve and uphold the unique identity as Villabanon thus this hymn represents a patriotic symbol that carries our history, struggles and victory as a town.


HON. NIEL ALBERT INOPIQUEZ
Vice Chairman

CONCURRING:


HON. JULCA KATRINA CON.UI
Chairman


HON. ELLY MARIA ENEVOLDSEN
MEMBER

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING "LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN" AS OFFICIAL HYMN OF VILLABA ON JANUARY 20, 2025, 1:30 IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE SB SESSION HALL

Presiding Officer: Hon. Niel Albert B. Inopiquez – Vice Chairman, Committee on Tourism

Present:

Mrs. Marilyn O. Marquez – Principal of Villaba South District

Mrs. Rhoda V. Tumamak – Principal of Villaba North District

Mr. Lolito M. Lipon – Composer

Mr. Mark Luche – Tourism Officer

The hearing started when the majority of the invited persons personally appeared and was presided over by the concerned SB Committee Vice-Chair. The Hon. Inopiquez began by greeting everyone present. Hon. Inopiquez explained that the purpose of the committee hearing was for the passage of the ordinance institutionalizing "Lungsod nga Among Natawhan" as the official hymn of Villaba. The author presented the ordinance, and Hon. Inopiquez asked the composer about his inspiration for the hymn. The author explained that as a former ALS Coordinator assigned here in Villaba, he experienced the warmth, welcoming nature, respect, and talent of the people. He further emphasized that Villabanons are passionate about life.

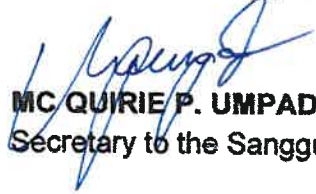
Mr. Lolito Devota inquired whether the word "hingyap" is a Cebuano or Waray-Waray word. Mrs. Marquez responded that the meaning of "hingyap" is hope or being hopeful. The author clarified that "hingyap" in Waray-Waray means aspiration, while in Cebuano, it means to hope. The Vice Mayor also commented on the word "Mabulokon," asking if there were other words for it. The author stated that it is indeed the correct term to use.

Following the discussion, the composer played the hymn for any corrections or suggestions.

There were no other concerns raised. Mr. Ronie Lucañas moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Edmondo Albacite.

The hearing adjourned at 3:45 in the afternoon.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. JULCA KATRINA CON. UI
Chairman


HON. ELLY MARIA ENEVOLDSEN
MEMBER


HON. NIEL ALBERT INOPIQUEZ
Vice Chairman

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1 MARILYN O. MARQUEZ	VSD - PSDS	
2 EPIFANIA C. LUCANAS	VSD - P-1	
3 RONIE N. LUCANAS	VSD - P1	
4 RHODORA V. TUMAMAK	VND - P-11	
5 MARYJOY M. BERDON	INYEARD - OCC	
6 Helen A. Paraco	Hindobnyan NHE - TR	
7 LEA GRACE T. VILLA	VSD - SAMBOLLATWAN NHS	
8 Sheina Marie S. Macalla	VND - Villaba NHS (LNCART)	
9 Manifes H. Yuzon	VSD - P-1	
10 Milford B. Sison	VSD - P-1	
11 Mary Jane E. Campos	VSD - P-2	
12 EDMUNDO E. ALBACITE	VSD - P-1	
13 RONALD DAY C. BOTTORINO	VND - P-3	
14 IRIS A. BOTTORINO	VSD - NCT	
15 ALONA O. LACUTUM	Villaba NHS / School Head	
16 LOVITO C. DEVOTA	PAYAD BS	
17 Christopher M. Lipon	T-11, Columbian North	
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22 Jena L. Lora	JB	
23 Robbie Jane Veloso	SB	
24 Emma Samson	SB	
25 Eudora Domonal	Del Sur	
26 Marlen M. Roque	SB JO	
27 Conre M. Cordova	SB	
28 Emedio S. Nunez	SB OFFICE	
29 Del Hernan	JO OFFICE	
30 Ruben Abengoa	SR OFFICE	



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Tourism, January 20, 2025 at 1:00 in the afternoon at the New Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Barangay Poblacion del Norte, this Municipality regarding the proposed ordinance authored by Sangguniang Bayan Member Niel Albert B. Inopiquez entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LUNGSOD NGA AMONG NATAWHAN AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF VILLABA”

The Officers of the Liga ng mga Barangay, Tourism Officer, Human Resource and Management Officer (HRMO), Public Relation Officer Designate, Principals from the Academe (both elementary and secondary, private and public), Municipal Officials and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

Villaba, Leyte, January 16, 2025.

In public service,


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD, J. D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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I, JIMA ZANDRA VERGARA, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that I am the Managing Editor of the EASTERN VISAYAS MAIL, a newspaper edited and published in the City of Ormoc and circulated in the cities of Ormoc, Tacloban Maasin and Calbayog, and in the islands of Leyte, Samar and Biliran, the rest of the Visayas islands, Mindanao, Manila and Luzon;

That the publication captioned:

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APPROVED:

(SGD)ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

was published in said newspaper for (1) one consecutive weeks in its EV Mail EV Mail March 17-23, 2025 issues.

That I am executing this affidavit to attest to the fact of the foregoing statements. Affiant further sayeth naught.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affix my signature this 24 day of MARCH, 2025 in Ormoc City.

JIMA ZANDRA J. VERGARA
Affiant

VERIFICATION

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 24 day of MARCH with affiant exhibiting his Tax Identification Number 932-314-846-000 issued on July 9, 2016 at Ormoc City, Leyte, Philippines.

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