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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

July 10, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-13 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Palo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2025-13 entitled: **“An Ordinance declaring and adopting the Palo Hymn as the official hymn of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte.”**

**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)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to Section 16<sup>2</sup> of the same Code. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

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*

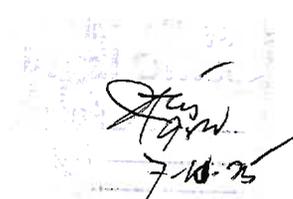
<sup>1</sup>;(a) *The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers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

<sup>2</sup> *Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.*

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-13** of the **Municipality of Palo, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance declaring and adopting the Palo Hymn as the official hymn of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte.**

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



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1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement  
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Respectfully forwarded to Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte, the herein attached copy of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-13 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan, Palo, Leyte, dated June 10, 2025, with accompanying Minutes, which is self-explanatory.

  
**BRIAN VALENTE P. ELORCHA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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**EXERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 148<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2022 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, HELD ON JUNE 10, 2025, AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

Present:

Hon. Jonathan P. Chiquillo  
Hon. Andres Ian R. Sevilla  
Hon. Casimero P. Villas, Jr.  
Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy  
Hon. Felipe T. Ygrubay, Jr.  
Hon. Antonino C. Hernit  
Hon. Jan Michelle L. Dolina  
Hon. Casimero B. Parado II  
Hon. Gregorio Papoose V. Lantajo, Jr.  
Hon. Mary Dwell S. Agner

Presiding Officer  
SB Member  
President, Liga ng mga Barangay  
President, PPSK

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
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Absent:

Hon. Aaron H. Roca

SB Member – on Official Travel

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE PALO HYMN AS THE OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALO, LEYTE.**

WHEREAS, the Palo Hymn was composed and arranged by Prof. Agustin Juan Omilio Mora, a local composer of the municipality on October 7, 1952 as an offering of the Makabugwas to the beloved hometown of Palo, at Singalong, Manila.

WHEREAS, the Palo hymn has not been declared and adopted as the official hymn of Palo, Leyte.

WHEREAS, for the longest time the Palo hymn has been sung for years during public official gatherings and programs.

WHEREAS, the hymn upholds the different attributes of Palo as a town and the goal it seeks to achieve.

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, it is imperative to have the singing of Palo Hymn in all public and private gatherings within the jurisdiction of Palo, Leyte to uphold and promote the patriotism and integrity and preserve the culture and the unique identity of the People of Palo the "Paloanos".

NOW THEREFORE, in session assembled be it ordained;

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "The Ordinance Declaring and Adopting the Palo Hymn as the Official Hymn of Palo, Leyte".



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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Municipality of Palo to promote the culture, patriotism, and love of constituents for its hometown.

SECTION 3. OFFICIAL LYRICS AND CHORDS. It is hereby declared and adopted that "Palo Hymn" is the Official Hymn of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, of which lyrics and chords are as follows:

**AWIT HA BUNGTO HA PALO (PALO HYMN)**

(Binisaya Version Lyrics)

Sumirang ha kadayunan, An mabaysay nga bituon  
Hiton imo kapalaran, Did'ha langit nga birilhon.  
Lumanas ha am' an siga, Hin waray na pagkawaring  
Nga maguin usa' nagudla, Dumdum, kalag, kasingkasing.

-Ikaduha nga bahin-

Mag urogop, ngan unongan, An Palo ig-undong ta  
Ha dungog ug kabulahan, Nga dayuday buhi la,  
Mag urugop, Mag urusa, Hin pag halad bis' dugo  
Hin' nga bungto han at' gugma, Natawohan nga Palo.

-Tono han siyahan nga bahin-

Ha dughan guin mamahal gad, An Bangon mo ug Guinhangdan,  
Sapa ug iba nga manggad, An lugad, an kapatagan  
Iton imo tuluohan, Ngaran mo nag pahitaas  
Am' kalag an lingkuranan, Waray nagud pag hi-iwas.

(Balik ha ikaduha nga bahin)

(English Version Lyrics)

Forever, ever and ever, May your star of fate keep beaming  
With brilliant, unfading luster, In a heaven brightly gleaming.  
And with all its sparkling brightness, May our hearts be fully flooded  
That we may be kept in oneness, of mind and soul, single hearted.

-Chorus-

Let us rally, die if need be, That Palo can scale the heights  
Of her honor, fame and glory, In their everlasting lights  
Let us rally, e'er united, With all pow'r, might and life too



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To our mother town beloved, Common birthplace of Palo.

-Melody of the first part-

So dear to all hearts' Paloan, Are your priceless gifts of Nature  
Bangon Falls and fair Guinhangdan, Palins and brooks and springs we treasure  
The true faith that made your glorious, Raised your name to realm of greatness,  
Finds our souls a throne mysterious, Unsayng, changeless in fairness.

(Repeat Chorus)

**Hymn To The Town Of Palo**

(THE HYMN EVERY PALOANO SHOULD KNOW BY HEART)

Words and Music by:  
AGUSTIN EL O' MORA

*♩=100 With Full of Pride and Patriotism*

*E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ C*

(ENGLISH) For - e - ver, e - ver and e - ver, May your star of Fate keep bur - ning. With  
(VERNACULAR) Su - mi - rang ha ka - da - yu - nan, An ma - hay - say nga bi - tu - on, Hi -

6 *Fm C Fm Cm F B♭ E♭ B♭*

brill - iant un fa ding lus - ter, In a hea - ven bright - ly glea - ming, And with all its spar - kling  
ton i - mo ka - pa - la - ran, Di't ha la - ngit - nga bi - ril - hon, Lu - ma - nas ha am' an

11 *E♭ E♭7 A♭ Abm E♭*

bright - ness, May our hearts be ful ly floo - ded, That we may be kept in onc - ness, of mind and  
si - ga, hin wa - ray na pag - ka - wa - ring, Nga ma guin u - sa na gud la, Dum - dum ka -

16 *F B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭*

soul, sing - le hear - ted. Let us ral - ly! die if need be. That Pa - lo can scale the  
lag, ka - sing - ka - sing. Mag - u - ru - gop! ngan u - nu - ngan, An Pa - lo ig - un - dong

21 *B♭ E♭*

heights, Of her ho - nor, fame and glo - ry, In their e - ver - last - ing light, Let us  
ta, Ha du - ngog ug ka - bu - la - han, Nga wa - ray ka - pa - rong na, Mag - u

26 *B♭ A♭ G C*

ral - ly! e'er u - ni - ted. With all pow'r, might and life too. To our mo - ther town, be -  
ru - gop! mag - u - ro - sa! hin pag - ha - lad bis' du - go. Hin' ngabung - to han at'

31 *F B♭ E♭ E♭*

lo - ved, Com - mon birth - place of PA - LO. Let us LO.  
gug - ma, Na - ta - wo - han nga PA - LO. Mag - u LO.

**SECTION 4. SINGING/PLAYING OF THE PALO HYMN.** The Palo Hymn shall be sung in all official ceremonies in original lyrics and proper key in a key of C and the rhythm of 4/4 march tempo grandioso.

It is hereby encouraged to all to sing the Palo Hymn after the Philippine National Anthem and or The Provincial hymn and Hymn of other government agencies and private entities during the preliminaries of the programs within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

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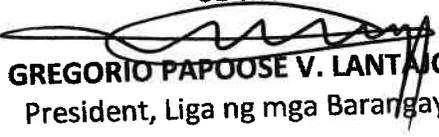
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Vice-Mayor  
Presiding Officer

  
**ANDRES IAN R. SEVILLA**  
SB Member

  
**AARON H. ROCA**  
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President, PPSK

APPROVED. July 9, 2025.

  
**REMEDIOS "MATIN" L. PETILLA**  
Municipal Mayor

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Hon. Remedios "Matin" L. Petilla, Local Chief Executive, this municipality; Dr. Leo T. Calonia, Municipal Health Officer, also of this municipality; Dr. Mylyn L. Mas, DTTB Deployed Doctor to LGU-Palo; and all others concerned for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED.

II. Business for Second Reading.

1. Draft Ordinance No. D-202-02

"A Draft Ordinance Establishing Additional Department(s), Office(s), and/or Section(s) And Creation of Additional Positions in the Organizational Structure of the Municipal Government of Palo, Leyte", Sponsor: Hon. Aaron H. Roca.

- Considering that Hon. Roca, the sponsor of the draft ordinance, was on official travel, the discussion and interpellation of the proposed measure on second reading was deferred to the next regular session.

III. Business for Third and Final Reading.

1. Draft Ordinance No. D-2024-14

"An Ordinance Declaring and Adopting the Palo Hymn as the Official Hymn of the Municipality of Palo, Leyte", Sponsor: Hon. Andres Ian R. Sevilla.

- Copies of the final draft were furnished each Sangguniang Bayan Members for their perusal. Thereafter, Hon. Sevilla moved for the approval of the final draft on third and final reading. The motion was duly seconded by all Sangguniang Bayan Members present. Since there was no objection, the final draft was declared Approved on Third and Final Reading, thus:

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