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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 15th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 28 OCTOBER 2025.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Michael L. Cari | 5 th District Board Member |
| 2. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto | Temp. Presiding Officer
5 th District Board Member
Floor Leader |
| 3. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 st District Board Member |
| 4. Hon. Wilson S. Uy | 1 st District Board Member |
| 5. Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 6. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 7. Hon. Alan P. Ang | 3 rd District Board Member |
| 8. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla | 4 th District Board Member |
| 9. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 th District Board Member |
| 10. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez | Liga ng mga Barangay President
Ex-Officio Member |
| 11. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen | SK Federation President
Ex-Officio Member |

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

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| 1. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin | 2 nd District Board Member |
| 2. Hon. Carmen L. Cari | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. | Vice-Governor
(on leave) |
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The 15th Regular Session opened at 10: 35 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Michael L. Cari, 5th District Board Member.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Ronnan Christian M. Reposar: 1st District Board Member and followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que; 2nd District Board Member and Honorable Raissa J. Villasin; 2nd District Board Member.

51 Considering that there was no objection, the motion was carried.

52 The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary, Mrs. Florinda Jill S.
53 Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

54 **MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY**

55 The following Members are in attendance:

56 **PHY PRESENT:**

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58 Hon. Michael L. Cari -Temp. Presiding Officer
59 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader
60 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
61 Hon. Wilson S. Uy
62 Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que
63 Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting
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67 Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez
68 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen

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70 **VIRTUALLY PRESENT:**

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72 Hon. Raissa J. Villasin
73 Hon. Carmen L. Cari

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75 Thirteen (13) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

76 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

77 We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

78 **HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER**

79 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

80 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

81 We now proceed to our consideration of the minutes of the previous session of October
82 21, 2025. Unless there are any corrections, I move that we approve the minutes of the previous
83 session of October 21, 2025. I so move.

84 **HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT**

85 Second.

86 **HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

87 Second.

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89 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
90 Second.
91 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
92 It's been seconded.
93 Motion is approved.
94 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-**
95 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
96 Mr. Chair, we don't have committee reports listed in the Secretariat but we have 5
97 Proposed Provincial Ordinances for first reading and reference of business. We now proceed
98 to the first proposed provincial ordinance, Madam Secretary please.
99 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY
100 a.) Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____
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102 **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF**
103 **ENDEMIC TREE SPECIES IN ALL TREE-PLANTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE**
104 **PROVINCE OF LEYTE."**
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106 **Authors:** Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" M. Reposar
107 Hon. Marie Kathryn "Chinggay" V. Kabigting
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109 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
110 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Kabigting?
111 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
112 You are recognized, Honorable Kabigting.
113 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
114 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.
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122 Republic of the Philippines
123 Province of Leyte
124 Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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127 **“Leyte Endemic Tree Restoration Ordinance of 2025.”**
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129 EXPLANATORY NOTE
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131 This proposed ordinance seeks to institutionalize the exclusive planting of endemic tree species in all tree-planting activities
132 within the Province of Leyte. It is anchored on Republic Act No. 10176, also known as the Arbor Day Act of 2012, which
133 mandates the annual observance of Arbor Day and encourages tree planting as a national duty.
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135 The measure responds to the urgent need for ecologically sound reforestation and greening programs that preserve native
136 biodiversity, restore degraded landscapes, and promote climate resilience. By prioritizing endemic species or those naturally
137 occurring only in the Philippines and particularly suited to Leyte’s ecological zones, this ordinance safeguards local
138 ecosystems from the harmful effects of invasive and exotic species.
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140 Moreover, this initiative embodies the constitutional principle of intergenerational responsibility, ensuring that future
141 generations inherit a healthy, balanced environment. It also aligns with the province’s commitment to sustainable
142 development, community empowerment, and cultural integrity.
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144 Through this ordinance, the Provincial Government of Leyte affirms its role as steward of the land, protector of biodiversity,
145 and champion of ecological justice.
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148 ORDINANCE NO. _____
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150 AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXCLUSIVE USE
151 OF ENDEMIC TREE SPECIES IN ALL TREE-PLANTING ACTIVITIES
152 WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE
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154 Authors: BM Ronnan Christian “Bolingling” M. Reposar
155 BM Marie Kathryn “Chinggay” V. Kabigting
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157 WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares as a policy of the State the protection and advancement of the right
158 of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;
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160 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10176 (Arbor Day Act of 2012) mandates the observance of Arbor Day and encourages tree
161 planting as a civic duty and ecological imperative;
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163 WHEREAS, endemic tree species are vital to the preservation of local biodiversity, the restoration of native forests, and the
164 resilience of ecosystems against climate change and environmental degradation;
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166 WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte recognizes its intergenerational obligation to protect and nurture the natural heritage of
167 the land for the benefit of present and future generations;
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169 WHEREAS, the exclusive planting of endemic tree species promotes ecological soundness, cultural identity, and sustainable
170 development across all municipalities and cities within the province;
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172 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, in session assembled, that this ordinance be
173 enacted to mandate the planting, cultivation, and protection of only endemic tree species in all tree-planting activities within
174 the Province of Leyte.
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176 Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, in session assembled:
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178 **SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the “Leyte Endemic Tree Planting Ordinance of 2025.”
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180 **SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is the policy of the Province of Leyte to promote ecological integrity,
181 biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience through the exclusive planting of endemic tree species in all public and
182 private tree-planting activities. This aligns with Republic Act No. 10176 (Arbor Day Act of 2012), the constitutional mandate
183 of intergenerational responsibility, and the principles of sustainable development.
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185 **SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**
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- 187 • *Endemic Tree Species* – Tree species naturally occurring and native only to the Philippines, particularly those
188 indigenous to the Eastern Visayas biogeographic zone.
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- 190 • *Tree-Planting Activities* – Any organized effort to plant trees, whether by LGUs, schools, CSOs, private entities, or
191 individuals, including Arbor Day celebrations, reforestation, greening programs, and CSR initiatives.
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- 193 • *Ecological Soundness* – The practice of ensuring that tree planting contributes positively to local ecosystems, avoids
194 invasive species, and supports native flora and fauna.
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- 196 • *PGNREO* – Provincial Government Natural Resources and Environment Office
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198 **SECTION 4. COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all municipalities and cities within the Province of Leyte,
199 covering all tree-planting activities conducted in public lands, government facilities, schools, parks, roadsides, watersheds,
200 and private lands.
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202 **SECTION 5. MANDATE** - All tree-planting activities within the Province of Leyte shall exclusively utilize endemic tree
203 species appropriate to the local microclimate, soil type, and ecological zone. The use of exotic, invasive, or non-native species
204 is strictly prohibited.
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206 **SECTION 6. INTERAGENCY and LGU COOPERATION**
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- 208 A. The PGNREO, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall:
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- 210 • Develop and regularly update a list of Leyte-endemic tree species.
 - 211 • Provide technical assistance, seedlings, and community education.
 - 212 • Monitor compliance and survival rates of planted trees.
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- 214 B. Municipal and Barangay LGUs shall integrate endemic tree planting in their Arbor Day celebrations, reforestation
215 programs, and land use plans.
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- 217 C. Educational institutions shall incorporate endemic tree planting in their environmental activities and NSTP
218 programs.
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220 **SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM and MONITORING** - To ensure the effective enforcement and
221 sustainability of this Ordinance, the following mechanisms shall be instituted:
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223 **A. TREE PLANTING CLEARANCE SYSTEM**
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- 225 1. Clearance Requirement
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- 227 • All individuals, organizations, developers, and LGUs intending to conduct tree planting activities within the
228 Province of Leyte shall secure a Tree Planting Clearance from the Provincial Government Natural Resources and
229 Environment Office (PGNREO) or the concerned Local Government Unit, whichever is applicable.
 - 230 • The clearance shall specify the location, number of trees, species to be planted, and schedule of planting.
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- 232 2. Clearance Conditions
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- 234 • Only endemic tree species listed and approved by PGNREO shall be allowed.
 - 235 • Planting sites must be ecologically appropriate and not conflict with existing land use plans.
 - 236 • Applicants must commit to a minimum three-year maintenance and survival monitoring period.
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- 238 3. Exemptions
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- 240 • Small-scale ceremonial plantings (e.g., Arbor Day/LGU events, school events) involving fewer than 10 trees may
241 be exempted, provided they use approved endemic species and submit a post-activity report.
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244 **B. ENDORSEMENT AND MONITORING**
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- 246 1. Pre-Activity Endorsement - All tree planting activities shall be endorsed by the Barangay LGU and reviewed by the
247 Municipal ENRO or its equivalent office prior to clearance issuance.
- 248 2. Post-Planting Compliance Report - Within 30 days after planting, permit holders shall submit a Tree Planting
249 Compliance Report detailing species planted, geotagged photos, and community participation.
- 250 3. Survival Rate Monitoring – PGNREO in coordination with DENR and the Local Government Concerned shall
251 conduct annual survival audits for all planting sites. A minimum 80% survival rate shall be required. Replanting
252 shall be mandatory for sites falling below the threshold.
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- 256 **C. DATABASE AND MAPPING**
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258 1. Provincial Tree Planting Registry
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260 • PGNREO shall maintain a digital registry of all tree planting permits, sites, species, and survival rates.
261 • The registry shall be accessible to LGUs, CSOs, and academic institutions for transparency and research.
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263 2. GIS Mapping - All planting sites shall be geotagged and integrated into the Provincial GIS system for monitoring,
264 planning, and climate resilience mapping.
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266 **D. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING**
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- 268 1. IEC and Training
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270 • PGNREO, in partnership with DENR and the concerned LGUs, shall conduct regular Information, Education, and
271 Communication (IEC) campaigns on the importance of endemic species, climate justice, and intergenerational
272 responsibility.
273 • LGUs and schools shall be capacitated on species identification, nursery management, and monitoring techniques.
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275 2. Youth and CSO Participation - Youth organizations, CSOs, and barangay-based groups shall be encouraged to adopt
276 planting sites and participate in monitoring.
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278 **E. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION**
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- 280 1. Provincial Tree Planting Oversight Committee - A multi-sectoral committee shall be created to oversee
281 implementation, composed of representatives from PENRO, SP Committee on Environment, DILG, DepEd, CSOs,
282 and Indigenous Peoples (IP) representatives.
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284 2. Annual Review and Policy Update - The Committee shall conduct an annual review of implementation outcomes
285 and recommend updates to the list of endemic species, planting protocols, and incentive mechanisms.
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287 **SECTION 8. INCENTIVES** - LGUs, schools, and organizations that demonstrate exemplary compliance, innovation in
288 endemic tree planting and survival rates shall be eligible for provincial recognition, technical support and grants subject to
289 availability of funds, applicable accounting and auditing rules, as may be applicable.
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291 Private landowners who voluntarily plant endemic trees shall be eligible for tax incentives subject to guidelines from the
292 Provincial Treasurer and Assessor.
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294 **SECTION 9. PENALTIES** - Any person or entity found violating this Ordinance shall be subject to:
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- 296 • A fine of ₱5,000.00 per violation; and/or
297 • Mandatory replacement of non-endemic trees with approved endemic species; and
298 • Possible suspension of environmental permits, clearances or endorsements whichever is
299 applicable.
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301 **SECTION 10. FUNDING** - The Provincial Government shall allocate funds for the implementation of this Ordinance under
302 its annual environmental budget, including seedling production, IEC campaigns, and monitoring systems.
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304 **SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
305 remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
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307 **SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, executive orders, or regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance
308 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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310 **SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of
311 general circulation and posting in conspicuous places within the Province of Leyte.
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317 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

318 Mr. Chair, if I may, I would like to move for the passage of this proposed provincial
319 ordinance for the first reading. I so move.

320 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

321 I join the motion, Mr. Chair.

322 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

323 Second.

324 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

325 So, there's a motion by Honorable Kabigting.

326 It's been seconded.

327 Motion is approved.

328 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

329 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

330 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

331 Mr. Chair, the former Central Bank Governor of England, Mark Carney, posited the view
332 of the tragedy of the Horizon. The idea is the tipping point or the end of the world is coming
333 and our reaction to climate change would perhaps be late if we don't act now. And I think this
334 initiative of Atty Reposar and Honorable Kabigting is a good step in that direction but it might
335 be too late if we tarry any longer. So, I move that we certify this proposed ordinance as urgent,
336 Mr. Chair. I so move.

337 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

338 I second the motion.

339 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

340 Second.

341 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

342 So, there's a motion to certify the proposed provincial ordinance as urgent.

343 It's been seconded.

344 Motion is approved.

345 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

346 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

347 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

348 Mr. Chair, I move that we approve this provincial proposed ordinance on the 2nd and 3rd
349 reading. I so move.

350 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

351 I second the motion.

352 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

353 Second.

354 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

355 So, there's a motion to approve the proposed provincial ordinance on 2nd and 3rd
356 reading.

357 It's been seconded.

358 Motion is approved.

359 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

360 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

361 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next proposed provincial ordinance,
362 Madam Secretary please.

363 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

364 b.) Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____

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366 **"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RISK EXPOSURE INCENTIVE AND**
367 **OTHER BENEFITS TO ALL QUALIFIED REGULAR, CASUAL AND JOB**
368 **ORDER EMPLOYEES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE**
369 **DURING CALAMITIES AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS."**

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371 **Authors:** Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez

372 Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar

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374 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

375 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Gimenez?

376 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

377 Honorable Gimenez, you are recognized.

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379 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

380 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

381 While the proposed ordinance of Honorable Kabigting is preventive, my proposed
382 ordinance is responsive. In line with what Honorable Loreto said, it might be the end of the
383 world. As we know, there are calamities week after week. Most recent was the earthquake with
384 the Davao as the epicenter but was felt also here in Leyte. Leyte, is not just one in the typhoon
385 belts of the Philippines, we've had every calamity in Leyte such as earthquakes, typhoons, and
386 so on. This ordinance is meant not for the typhoons but those people who risk their lives in
387 order to keep us safe.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Province of Leyte

An Ordinance Granting Risk Exposure Incentive and other benefits to All Qualified Regular, Casual, and Job Order Employees of the Provincial Government of Leyte During Calamities and Emergency Situations.

AUTHORS: Ma. Martina Gimenez

Ronan Christian Reposar

Explanatory Note

In times of calamity, emergency, or crisis, the heart of public service beats strongest in the silent work of those who carry the weight of community resilience, whether they bear the title of regular, casual, or Job Order (JO) employee.

This ordinance grants a risk duty benefit to all personnel directly engaged in emergency response, rescue and recovery operations as a form of recognition for their exposure to hazardous conditions during calamities and/or emergencies. It is a frontline service motivation that acknowledges the commitment and resilience of personnels, regardless of status, in the face of risk.

This ordinance is founded on the principles enshrined in the Local Government Code (RA 7160) and the Civil Code of the Philippines, asserting the LGU's authority to recognize the service and sacrifice of its workforce, regardless of employment status, specifically the Job Order (JO) workers. The LGU Province of Leyte acknowledges that Job Order (JO) workers also perform hazardous duties, hence they are included in the coverage of this ordinance.

The factual reality is clear: JO employees, often unsung in times of risk, have repeatedly proven themselves indispensable in field operations, disaster response, sanitation, logistics, and public safety. Their exposure to danger is no less than that of regular employees, and their unwavering dedication deserves institutional recognition.

By extending incentives to regular, casual and JO workers, this ordinance does not merely comply with legal standards, it celebrates a shared ethos of community service, honors local unity, and affirms that in the eyes of the provincial government, every helping hand is of equal value. Hence this Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Granting Risk Exposure Incentive and other benefits to All Qualified Regular, Casual, and Job Order Employees of the Local Government Unit of Tanauan the Provincial Government During Calamities and Emergency Situations.

Legal and Factual Basis

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121 otherwise known as Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 institutionalizes the implementation of risk reduction and preparedness measures at the local level;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code (RA 7160) empowers the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to legislate on matters promoting the general welfare of its constituents, including the fiscal allocation of resources for labor support;¹

WHEREAS, during periods of declared emergency or state of calamity, employees regardless of employment status to include Job Order Employees are often called upon to perform duties that place them at risk;

Whereas, the LGU Province of Leyte acknowledges the performance of the frontline duties of their employees during disaster and calamities. It values their critical role in maintaining LGU operations under hazardous conditions in disaster response, sanitation, logistics, and public safety during emergencies. Their exposure to danger and frequent mobilization to ensure uninterrupted public service is incomparable, making risk exposure incentives a matter of equity and recognition.

WHEREAS, this local government recognizes the invaluable contributions of all the employees of Leyte Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) as well as members of the provincial rescue and response team, regardless of their employment status. Their commitment to public service under hazardous conditions is recognized and acknowledged.

WHEREAS, the personnel of the Leyte Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) as well as members of the provincial rescue and response team, are regularly exposed to risk in times of disasters, emergencies and calamities;

¹ Section 16, LCG of 1991. "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare." xxx – xxx – xxx

This empowers LGUs to legislate and allocate resources for programs that promote the general welfare - including labor support like hazard pay, employment assistance, and livelihood programs.

471 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, in session duly assembled;
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473 **Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “Risk Exposure Incentive and Benefits Ordinance of the Province of Leyte”

474 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the provincial government of Leyte to recognize the invaluable
475 contribution of its workforce, especially during times of calamity, disaster, and other emergency situations. It affirms its
476 responsibility to protect and support its regular, casual, and job order employees who render essential services under hazardous
477 conditions.
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479 **Section 3. Purpose.** This Ordinance aims to recognize and compensate the risk undertaken by its employees and staff to include
480 the provincial rescue personnel and PDRRMO staff by granting a fixed compensation for risk exposure and other benefits for duties
481 performed during disaster and emergency operations.
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483 **Section 4. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following term shall mean as follows:
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- 485 a. *Risk Exposure Incentive – is a form of monetary recognition for personnel exposed to risk, danger and hazards during*
486 *calamities and/or emergencies. It is classified as an operating expense which is only given to qualified personnel during*
487 *calamity or emergency;*
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- 489 b. *Other Benefits – Non-monetary incentives or aid granted to personnel during and/or after calamities or emergencies for*
490 *their exposure to hazardous situations while performing their duties or tasks assigned to them;*
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- 492 c. *Hazard Pay – additional compensation granted under national laws and DBM issuances to government employees*
493 *regularly exposed to occupational risks. It is distinct from the Risk Exposure Incentive under this Ordinance, which is a*
494 *local and situational benefit.*
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496 **Section 5. Covered Calamities and Emergencies.** Covered calamities and emergencies shall include, but shall not be limited
497 to, the following: typhoons, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, droughts, landslides, epidemics, pandemics, conflagrations,
498 large-scale accidents, and other similar events which require the deployment of ~~LGU~~ personnel under conditions of risk.
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500 For clarity, coverage shall apply regardless of whether a formal State of Calamity is declared, provided that the occurrence is
501 recognized and certified by the Provincial Governor or the PDRRMO as an emergency incident requiring risk-exposed duties.
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503 The Risk Exposure Incentive Review Committee as mentioned in Section 12 in this ordinance shall further refine and update the
504 list of covered situations through implementing guidelines.
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506 **Section 6. Coverage.** This Ordinance shall apply to:
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- 508 a. Contractual, or job order personnel assigned under the PDRRMO;
- 509 b. Members of the provincial rescue teams or emergency responders officially mobilized for disaster or emergency
510 response;
- 511 c. Other personnel authorized by the Provincial Governor or the PDRRMO Head to participate in life-threatening operations;
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513 Employees who are already receiving hazard pay or similar compensation due to the nature of their duties shall be
514 excluded from the coverage of this ordinance. However, they shall remain eligible to receive other benefits pursuant to Section 8
515 hereof.
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517 **Section 7. Conditions for Grant.** Risk Exposure Incentive shall be granted to covered personnel who:
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- 519 a. Are directly exposed to risk during emergency or disaster operations; and,
- 520 b. Have been authorized or deployed by the PDRRMO Head or the ~~Municipal Mayor~~ Provincial Governor for such duties.
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522 **Section 8. Grant of Risk Exposure Incentive.** All covered personnel who are required to physically report for duty and/or render
523 services during calamities, emergencies, pandemics, or similar hazardous conditions shall be entitled to this incentive, subject
524 to:
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- 526 • Certification of actual service rendered
- 527 • Availability of local funds
- 528 • Compliance with auditing and accounting rules prescribed by COA
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530 **Section 9. Other Benefits Grant.** In addition to the risk exposure incentive, the provincial government may grant performance-
531 based benefits, other forms of assistance, or special recognitions to deserving employees, subject to guidelines to be issued by
532 the ~~Local Chief Executive~~ Governor and the Human Resource Management Office. Other forms of assistance may include the
533 provision of relief goods, hygiene kits, and basic necessities to the immediate families of rescue personnel actively deployed
534 during ~~declared states of~~ calamity, as a gesture of institutional support and recognition of their service.
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536 This may also include assistance to families in case of injury, death, or incapacitation of qualified personnel during duty,
537 which shall include:
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- 539 • Immediate relief goods to affected families;
- 540 • Financial Assistance, subject to availability of funds and proper documentation; and,
- 541 • Psychological support services
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543 **Section 10. Risk Exposure Incentive for Emergency and Calamity Related Duties.** Qualified personnel shall receive a Risk
 544 Exposure Incentive of ₱1,000.00 for each calendar month where they have rendered at least one (1) day of duty under hazardous
 545 conditions during any calamity or emergency recognized and certified in accordance with Section 5 of this Ordinance.
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547 **Section 11. Certification Process.** The Provincial Governor and/or concerned Department Heads as the case may be, in
 548 coordination with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall issue a formal certification using the
 549 prescribed template (see Annex A and B), attesting to:
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- 551 • Nature of risk
- 552 • Duration and location
- 553 • Duties rendered

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 555 **Section 12. Oversight and Review.** A Risk Exposure Incentive Review Committee shall be established to oversee the implementation of
 556 this Ordinance, ensure fairness, conduct annual policy reviews, and issue guidelines for qualified beneficiaries. This committee may
 557 likewise recommend to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan such adjustments in the amount of the Risk Exposure Incentive as may be
 558 deemed necessary. Any change in the amount shall take effect only upon approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through an
 559 amendatory ordinance. The Committee shall be composed of the following:
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Position	Role in the Committee
Provincial Governor	Chairperson - Overall oversight and Policy Alignment
Provincial Budget Officer	Member – ensures fiscal compliance and fund availability
Provincial Accountant	Member – validates documentation and audit trail
Provincial Health Officer	Member – assess risk levels and hazard classification
HRMO (Human Resource Management Officer)	Member – verifies service records and personnel eligibility
Department Head (from deploying office)	Member – provides field-level certification and context
PDRRMO (Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Officer)	Member – Serves as the committee’s subject matter expert on disaster operations and risk exposure. Also serves as deployment validator.
Member of the Rescue and Response Team	Member - Represents the concerns and experiences of regular staff exposed to hazards. Assists in verifying attendance, deployment logs, and hazard exposure records.

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 562 **Section 13. Funding Source.** The amount necessary to implement this Ordinance shall be sourced from the Local Disaster Risk
 563 Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF), or such other lawful appropriations as may be identified in the Annual Investment
 564 Program.
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566 **Section 14. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or
 567 provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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569 **Section 15. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the posting and
 570 publication requirements under the Local Government Code.
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586 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

587 In line of this, Mr. Chair, I'd like to move that this proposed ordinance be approved on
588 1st reading.

589 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

590 Second.

591 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

592 Second.

593 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

594 Second.

595 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

596 Second.

597 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

598 Mr. Chair, I just want to add some inputs and additional explanation. This ordinance will
599 actually provide the legal basis for the Executive, like the Governor, to provide incentives or
600 recognition to our employees who are not included in the recent guidelines per issuance of
601 DBM and other current circulars. The current circulars only allow the giving of hazard pays of
602 incentives to casual and regular employees. However, we know for sure that our Job Order
603 employees are also exposed for so many times during calamities and disasters. However, we
604 don't have any legal basis to grant them incentives or allowance for being there during the
605 disasters. Hence, the proposed ordinance.

606 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

607 Thank you for the additional inputs Honorable Reposar.

608 There's a motion by Honorable Gimenez.

609 It's been seconded.

610 Motion is approved.

611 Approved unanimously.

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612 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

613 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

614 Mr. Chair, I move that we certify this ordinance as urgent. I so move.

615 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

616 I second the motion, Mr. Chair.

617 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

618 There's a motion by Honorable Loreto to certify this ordinance as urgent.

619 It's been seconded.

620 Motion is approved.

621 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

622 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

623 Mr. Chair, having approved that the said ordinance be certified as urgent, I move that
624 we approve the said ordinance on the 2nd and 3rd reading. I so move.

625 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

626 Second.

627 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

628 Second.

629 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

630 There's a motion by Honorable Reposar.

631 It's been seconded.

632 Motion is approved.

633 Approved unanimously.

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634 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

635 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next proposed provincial ordinance,
636 Madam Secretary please.

637 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

638 c.) Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____

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640 **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STANDARDIZED**
641 **DOCKETING AND FILING SYSTEM FOR LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS,**
642 **CASES, PETITIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS FILED BEFORE THE**
643 **SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF PROVINCE OF LEYTE."**

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645 **Author:** Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
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647 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

648 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

649 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

650 Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.

651 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

652 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader

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682 EXPLANATORY NOTE
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684 The Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as the highest legislative body of the province, receives a wide array of legislative
685 requests, cases, petitions and appeals that require systematic handling, tracking and resolution. To ensure that matters
686 referred to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan are not delayed, misfiled, or inadequately monitored and to guaranty
687 transparency and efficiency, a standardized docketing and filing system is necessary.
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689 This Ordinance seeks to institutionalize a clear, consistent, and accountable process for receiving, docketing, filing, and
690 tracking all matters filed before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. It covers ordinance reviews petitions, administrative cases,
691 appeals, legislative requests and committee reports as integral components of this legislative record.
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693 By establishing a unique docket number for each matter, maintaining a centralized tracking system, and ensuring proper
694 archiving and reporting, the Ordinance aims to:
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- 696 • Promote legislative efficiency and institutional memory;
- 697 • Safeguard the integrity of committee deliberations and outcomes;
- 698 • Enhance public access to non-confidential legislative records;
- 699 • Support digitalization and data-driven governance.
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701 This measure aligns with the principles of participatory, transparent, and responsive local governance, and reinforces the
702 Sangguniang Panlalawigan’s role as a steward of due process and public accountability.
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705 ORDINANCE NO. _____
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707 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STANDARDIZED DOCKETING AND FILING SYSTEM FOR LEGISLATIVE
708 REQUESTS, CASES, PETITIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS FILED BEFORE THE SANGGUNIANG
709 PANLALAWIGAN OF PROVINCE OF LEYTE
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711 WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is mandated under the Local Government Code to act on ordinance
712 reviews, petitions, appeals and other matters requiring legislative action;
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714 WHEREAS, the volume and diversity of matters filed before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan necessitate a standardized
715 system for docketing, filing, and tracking to ensure timely and transparent disposition;
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717 WHEREAS, the inclusion of committee reports in the docketing system strengthens the legislative process by preserving
718 the integrity of committee deliberations and facilitating informed plenary action;
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720 WHEREAS, the institutionalization of a docketing and filing system supports good governance, enhances public access to
721 legislative records, and lays the foundation for future digitalization efforts;
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723 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, in session assembled, that a standardized
724 docketing and filing system be established for all cases, petitions, and matters filed before the body, including committee
725 reports, in accordance with the provisions herein.
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728 **SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the “Sangguniang Panlalawigan Docketing and Filing System
729 Ordinance of Leyte.”
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732 **SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is hereby declared the policy of the Provincial Government to promote
733 transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the handling of cases, petitions, and other matters filed before the
734 Sangguniang Panlalawigan by establishing a standardized docketing and filing system.
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737 **SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all legislative requests, cases, petitions, appeals, motions,
738 resolutions, and other matters filed before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, including but not limited to:
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- 740 • Ordinance Review;
- 741 • Requests for legislative action or intervention;
- 742 • Petitions for review of barangay ordinances;
- 743 • Appeals from decisions of component municipalities under Section 61 of the Local Government Code;

- 744 • Administrative cases referred by the Office of the Governor or other agencies; and,
745 • Committee Referrals
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748 **SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS**
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- 750 • Docket Number – A unique alphanumeric code assigned to each case or matter filed, indicating the year, nature of
751 the case, and sequence.
752 • Filing Officer – The designated personnel in the Secretariat responsible for receiving and recording filed matters.
753 • Case Folder – The official compilation of all documents related to a specific docketed matter.
754 • Tracking System – A manual or electronic system used to monitor the progress and status of docketed matters.
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757 **SECTION 5. DOCKETING PROCEDURE** - Upon receipt of any case or matter:
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- 759 • The Filing Officer shall assign a docket number following the format: [Year]-[Case Type Code]-[Sequential
760 Number] (e.g., 2025-ORD-001).
761 • A Case Folder shall be opened and labeled accordingly.
762 • The matter shall be entered into the official Docket Book and/or Electronic Tracking System.
763 • Acknowledgment of receipt shall be issued to the filer or a copy of the file stamped “Received” with the date of
764 receipt
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767 **SECTION 6. CASE TYPE CODES**
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769 The following codes shall be used to classify docketed matters:
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- 771 • ORD – Ordinance Review
772 • ADM – Administrative Case
773 • PET – Petition
774 • REQ – Request for Legislative Action
775 • RES – Resolution Referral
776 • APP – Appeal
777 • BDPET – Boundary Dispute Petition
778 • Additional codes may be adopted by the Secretariat as needed.
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781 **SECTION 7. FILING REQUIREMENTS** – Subject to the provisions of the Internal Rules and Procedure of the
782 Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the secretariat may require the filing of the following:
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- 784 • A written request, resolution or petition addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
785 • Supporting documents, affidavits, or certifications;
786 • Contact details of the filer;
787 • Proof of endorsement, if applicable.
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790 **SECTION 8. MONITORING AND REPORTING** - The Secretariat shall:
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- 792 • Maintain a monthly summary of docketed matters;
793 • Submit quarterly reports to the Presiding Officer;
794 • Ensure timely referral to appropriate committees.
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796 **SECTION 9. DIGITALIZATION AND ACCESS** - Subject to budgetary appropriations and data privacy regulations, the
797 Sangguniang Panlalawigan is encourage to:
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- 799 • Develop an electronic docketing and tracking system;
800 • Provide public access to non-confidential docket entries;
801 • Archive resolved matters for institutional memory.
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804 **SECTION 10. INCLUSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS** - All committee reports arising from docketed matters shall
805 be filed under the same docket number and appended to the corresponding Case Folder. The Secretariat shall:
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- 807 • Assign a sub-reference code (e.g., 2025-ORD-001-CR) to each committee report;
808 • Record the date of submission and committee name;
809 • Ensure that the report is included in the tracking system and reflected in the monthly and quarterly summaries;

- Archive both the original and final versions, if amendments were made during plenary deliberation.

WORKFLOW

- Referral: Once a docketed matter is referred to a committee, the Secretariat logs the referral date.
- Committee Action: Upon completion, the committee submits its report to the Secretariat.
- Filing: The report is filed under the original docket number with a suffix and the number sequence (e.g., 2025-ORD-001-CR-001).
- Plenary Tracking: Any action taken in plenary (e.g., adoption, amendment, rejection) is noted and linked to the report.

SECTION 11. STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT TEMPLATE - To ensure uniformity and completeness, all committees shall use the following standard format when submitting reports:

Committee Report Template

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE
[Name of Committee]

Committee Report No. [Year]-[Committee Code]-[Sequential No.]

Date: [MM/DD/YYYY]
Docket No.: [e.g., 2025-ORD-001]
Subject Matter: [Title of Ordinance, Resolution / Petition / Case]

- BACKGROUND [Brief summary of the matter referred to the committee]
- COMMITTEE ACTIONS [Dates of meetings, consultations, field visits, etc.]
- FINDINGS [Key observations, legal basis, stakeholder input]
- RECOMMENDATIONS [Proposed action: approval, amendment, rejection, further study]

Prepared by:
[Name], Committee Chairperson

Concurred into by:
[List of members, their attendance and signature]

Noted by:
[Presiding Officer / Secretariat Head]

SECTION 12. COMMITTEE REPORT TRACKING MATRIX

The Secretariat shall maintain a tracking matrix to monitor the progress and disposition of committee reports. This matrix shall be updated monthly and submitted to the Presiding Officer.

Docket No.	Committee	Report No.	Subject Matter	Date Referred	Date Submitted	Status	Plenary Action	Remarks
2025-ORD-001	Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges	2025-ORD-001-CR-01	Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 12 of Palo	01/15/2025	01/30/2025	Submitted	Adopted	With minor amendments

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869 **SECTION 10. PENALTIES** - Any personnel who knowingly delays, misfiles, or tampers with docketed matters shall be
870 subject to administrative sanctions in accordance with civil service rules and applicable laws.
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873 **SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the
874 remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
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877 **SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, resolutions, or issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are
878 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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880 **SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting and/or publication in
881 accordance with applicable laws.
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905 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

906 I move that the proposed ordinance be approved on the 1st Reading.

907 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

908 Second.

909 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

910 Second.

911 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

912 Second.

913 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

914 So, there's a move by the Honorable Reposar.

915 Duly seconded.

916 Any questions?

917 Hearing none, motion is approved.

918 Approved unanimously.

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919 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

920 And since, Mr. Chair, there is still a need to discuss this with the secretariat, I move that

921 this be referred to the Committee on Rules. I so move.

922 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

923 Second.

924 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

925 Second.

926 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

927 So, there's a move by the Honorable Reposar to refer the proposed ordinance to the

928 Committee on Rules.

929 Duly seconded.

930 Any questions?

931 Hearing none, motion is approved.

932 Approved unanimously.

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934 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

935 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next proposed provincial ordinance,
936 Madam Secretary please.

937 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

938 d.) Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____

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940 **“AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF**
941 **LAWS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (VAWC),**
942 **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS,AND OTHER RELATED PROTECTIVE**
943 **LEGISLATION IN PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING SESSION ACROSS**
944 **THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE.”**

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946 **Authors:** Hon. Raissa J. Villasin

947 Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar

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949 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

950 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Villasin?

951 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

952 Honorable Villasin, you are recognized.

953 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

954 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

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956 Wednesday, the CPD central office came to my office about this pre marriage orientation and
957 counseling.

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PROVINCE OF LEYTE

ORDINANCE NO. ____

An Ordinance Mandating the Inclusion of Laws on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC), Trafficking in Persons, and Other Related Protective Legislation in Pre-Marriage Counseling Sessions Across the Province of Leyte

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Marriage is a foundational institution that shapes family dynamics, community values, and the well-being of future generations. In recognition of the increasing need to protect women and children from violence, exploitation, and abuse, this Ordinance seeks to institutionalize the integration of relevant laws into pre-marriage counseling sessions conducted by local government units (LGUs) across the Province of Leyte.

By educating couples on their legal rights and responsibilities before entering marriage, the province aims to foster respectful, informed, and rights-based relationships. This measure supports national mandates under the Anti-VAWC Act (RA 9262), Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act (RA 9208 as amended), the Mental Health Act (RA 11036), Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710), and other protective legislation, while reinforcing the role of LGUs in preventive education and community empowerment.

Recognizing the growing social, health, and psychological challenges faced by couples and families, there is a need to strengthen the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program by institutionalizing its implementation at the provincial and local government levels and by expanding its coverage to include essential life topics such as mental health, nutrition, gender sensitivity, anti-violence against women and their children (VAWC), and safe spaces.

This Ordinance seeks to institutionalize the PMOC as a mandatory and standardized program across Leyte Province, anchored on the aforementioned relevant national laws. It ensures that every couple entering into marriage is equipped to foster healthy relationships, responsible parenthood, and resilient families as cornerstones of a progressive and peaceful society.

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the family as the foundation of the nation and mandates the State to strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall defend the right of spouses to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions and the demands of responsible parenthood;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004), Republic Act No. 9208 as amended by RA 10364 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act), and other related laws affirm the State's commitment to protect women and children from all forms of abuse, exploitation, and discrimination;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, or the "Mental Health Act," emphasizes the importance of promoting mental health awareness and integrating it into basic health services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11148, or the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act," highlights the importance of nutrition, especially during preconception, pregnancy, and early childhood, as a determinant of overall family health;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11313, or the "Safe Spaces Act," seeks to address gender-based sexual harassment in streets, public spaces, online, workplaces, and educational institutions;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers LGUs to exercise powers necessary for the promotion of the general welfare, including the protection of vulnerable sectors;

WHEREAS, pre-marriage counseling is a mandatory requirement for the issuance of a marriage license under Article 16 of the Family Code of the Philippines, and serves as a strategic platform for preventive education and values formation;

WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte recognizes the importance of integrating legal awareness into pre-marriage counseling to promote safe, equitable, and informed marital relationships;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of _____, duly seconded by _____, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte in session assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Pre-Marriage Legal Awareness Ordinance for the Protection of Women and Children."

1031 **SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is the policy of the Province of Leyte to:
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1033 a. promote informed, respectful, and rights-based marital relationships by ensuring that couples are educated on laws
1034 protecting women and children prior to marriage.
1035 b. Strengthen the institution of marriage and family by preparing couples for responsible and harmonious family life;
1036 c. Institutionalize the conduct of Pre-marriage Orientation Course as a standardized, accessible, and comprehensive
1037 program across all LGUs;
1038 d. Ensure inclusion of mental health, nutrition, gender sensitivity, reproductive health, anti-VAWC, safe spaces and
1039 other related protective legislations.
1040 e. Promote inter-agency collaboration for effective Pre-marriage Orientation Course implementation.
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1043 **SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all cities and municipalities within the Province of Leyte
1044 conducting pre-marriage counseling as part of the marriage license application process. It shall apply to all individuals
1045 applying for a marriage license in the Province of Leyte, whether residents or non-residents, and shall be implemented in
1046 coordination with the City/Municipal Local Government Units (C/MLGUs) through their respective Local Civil Registry
1047 Offices and Municipal/City Health Offices.

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1049 **SECTION 4. MANDATORY INCLUSION IN PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING** - All LGUs shall integrate the salient
1050 features of the following laws and frameworks into their pre-marriage counseling:
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- 1052 • RA 9262 or Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004
- 1053 • RA 9208, as amended by RA 10364 or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act
- 1054 • RA 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act
- 1055 • RA 11036 or the Mental Health Act, which emphasizes the importance of promoting mental health awareness and
1056 integrating it into basic health services;
- 1057 • RA 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act on awareness of gender-based sexual harassment under RA 11313, how to
1058 prevent it, and reporting mechanisms.
- 1059 • RA 11148, or the Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act, highlights the importance of nutrition, especially
1060 during preconception, pregnancy, and early childhood, as a determinant of overall family health;
- 1061 • RA 9710 – Magna Carta of Women
- 1062 • RA 9344 – Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act
- 1063 • Other relevant national and local issuances promoting gender equality and child protection, responsible
1064 parenthood and family planning, financial literacy and household management, conflict resolution and
1065 communication Skills

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1067 **SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS.**

- 1068 • The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), in coordination with the Provincial Gender and
1069 Development (GAD) Office and Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC), shall develop
1070 standardized modules and materials.
- 1071 • Municipal and City Civil Registrars shall ensure that only applicants who have completed the enhanced
1072 counseling are issued marriage licenses.
- 1073 • LGUs may partner with accredited CSOs, faith-based organizations, and national agencies for delivery of
1074 sessions.
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1077 **SECTION 6. TRAINING OF COUNSELORS** - All LGU-designated marriage counselors shall undergo capacity-building
1078 on the above laws, facilitated by the PSWDO and GAD Office, at least once every two years.
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1080 **SECTION 7. FUNDING** - Funds for implementation shall be sourced from the Provincial GAD Budget, PCPC Fund, and
1081 other available appropriations, subject to budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules.
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1083 **SECTION 8. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE** - The PSWDO shall submit an annual report to the Sangguniang
1084 Panlalawigan on compliance, challenges, and recommendations. Non-compliant LGUs may be subject to administrative
1085 review.
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1087 **SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the
1088 remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
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1090 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication and posting in at
1091 least three (3) conspicuous places in the Province of Leyte.
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1094 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1095 Mr. Chair, if my motion is in order, I move that we pass on the 1ST reading the proposed
1096 ordinance. I so move.

1097 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1098 Second.

1099 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1100 Mr. Chair, I have a discussion.

1101 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1102 Go ahead, Honorable Uy.

1103 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1104 Mr. Chair, I second to the good intention of this ordinance but I would like also to inform
1105 the proponent to consider ordinance for the experience of the Emman Atienza who
1106 experienced depression, bullying and etc. I think the Province of Leyte need that particular
1107 ordinance in order to help our youth who are experiencing this depression. That's all, Mr. Chair.

1108 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1109 Mr. Chair, I appreciate Honorable Wilson Uy's bringing up of the Mental Health topic
1110 specially among our youth. Actually, that will already be included in the Adolescent Health and
1111 Wellness ordinance that is currently being drafted right now in coordination with the Provincial
1112 Health Office. There is also a Comprehensive Mental Health Program already of the Province
1113 of Leyte being drafted. So, anything in mental health especially affecting our youth will be
1114 included in a separate ordinance because this ordinance is only for couples applying for
1115 marriage licenses in the LGU because I've noted that planting trees are included. In fact, DAR
1116 and DA are part of agencies that are conducting modules before the issuance of marriage
1117 license. So, I raised the question to the POPCOM how come other, which I think, are more
1118 relevant and more timely topics are not included. Hence, this ordinance to include Violence
1119 against women, protection of Children and nutrition. Although it is also a part of the current
1120 module, mental health also has a safe space since men are not covered by the VAWC but they
1121 are covered by the Safe Spaces Act. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1123 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1124 Mr. Chair, may I be recognized?

1125 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1126 Yes, go ahead, Honorable Reposar.

1127 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1128 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

1129 For the information of everyone. We are actually amending the Leyte Children's Welfare
1130 Code where in cyber security is already being discussed. The proposal is to include the cyber
1131 security in the safe guards particularly one of the articles in the amended Leyte Children's
1132 Welfare Code. We are just only waiting for the arrival of Board Member Raissa Villasin so we
1133 can schedule the next community hearing.

1134 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1135 Mr. Chair, just a manifestation. This proposed ordinance really makes sense, the
1136 VAWC, trafficking persons and other related laws should be included in pre marriage
1137 counseling. There are 5 topics that we should discuss in pre marriage counseling. These are
1138 the physical, financial, professional, social and educational. The violence also corresponds
1139 also to these 5 requirements. Physical abuse, financial abuse, psychological abuse and the
1140 works. So, it protects women and children from this. However, Mr. Chair, men too can be
1141 subject to abuse physically, emotionally, financially. Where and when will be protected? We
1142 don't have National Laws but perhaps this could be a subject for discussion in this proposed
1143 ordinance.

1144 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1145 Mr. Chair?

1146 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1147 Yes, Honorable Raissa, please answer the question.

1148 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1149 I do agree with the Honorable Loreto and in fact, I asked that from our CPD Regional
1150 Director. Where do our men belong? Because it's a missed to me that our men also suffers
1151 and a lot of them are also suffering in silence because society doesn't expect our men to be

1152 abused. It's not in our society that our men are not allowed to be weak. When I asked it from
1153 them, men are covered by the Safe Space Act which to me is not yet enough but in the absence
1154 of a National Law pertaining to the protection of men, the closest thing that we could include is
1155 the Safe Space Act.

1156 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1157 Any other manifestation?

1158 Any questions?

1159 Hearing none, motion is approved.

1160 Approved unanimously.

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1161 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1162 Mr. Chair, I move that we also refer this to the Committee on Women and Children.

1163 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1164 Mr. Floor Leader, jointly with the Committee on Rules, please.

1165 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1166 Yes, Mr. Chair, I move that we also refer this to the Committee on Women and Children
1167 jointly with the Committee on Rules. I so move.

1168 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1169 Any other manifestation?

1170 Any questions?

1171 Hearing none, motion is approved.

1172 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

1173 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1174 Mr. Chair, can I say something?

1175 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1176 Yes, Honorable Carmen Cari.

1177 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1178 Mr. Chair, I agree with the other member in abuse of men especially in the financial
1179 side. Since men are known to be stronger that is why most of the time the abuse is against

1180 women because they have lesser strength and force but sometimes the men are also abused
1181 as what you called the financial abuse.

1182 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1183 That is correct, Mr. Chair.

1184 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1185 So, I agree and I want to congratulate Board Member Villasin for passing this provincial
1186 ordinance. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1187 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1188 Mr. Chair?

1189 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1190 Yes, Atty. Que, please go ahead.

1191 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1192 I just also would like to share the experience we had with the Ateneo Human Rights
1193 Center where we also had to rescue children that were exploited online so maybe we include
1194 here laws on trafficking with the VAWC Law. Also, maybe we can include the online which is
1195 the R.A 11930, the online sexual abuse of exploitation because it was even the mother who
1196 was exploiting the child to pose in front of a video naked. And when we went there to rescue
1197 the child, the mother simply said, "Bakit nagalaw ba yung anak ko? Wala namang nangyari sa
1198 kanya at nabayaran pa ako". So, maybe include that also in educating the parents that you not
1199 even allowed to exploit your children to be naked in front of a camera when foreigners watch
1200 your child dance should be considered, based on my experience. Thank you.

1201 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1202 Mr. Chair?

1203 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1204 Yes, go ahead, Honorable Reposar.

1205 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1206 I would like to thank Atty. Que for that input and surely it would be considered.

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1209 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1210 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next proposed provincial ordinance,

1211 Madam Secretary please.

1212 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1213 e.) Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____

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1215 **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPOSITION**
1216 **OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AS AN ALTERNATIVE SANCTION FOR**
1217 **VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY ORDINANCES**
1218 **THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, DEFINING ITS LEGAL BASIS,**
1219 **APPLICABILITY, AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM.”**

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1221 **Author:** Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar

1222 Hon. Wilson S. Uy

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1224 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1225 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Uy?

1226 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1227 Yes, go ahead, Honorable Uy.

1228 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1229 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

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1248 **ORDINANCE NO. ____-2025**
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1250 **An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Imposition of Community Service as An Alternative Sanction for Violations of**
1251 **Municipal and Barangay Ordinances throughout the Province of Leyte, Defining its Legal Basis, Applicability, and**
1252 **Implementation Mechanism**
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1254 Authored by: Hon. Wilson S. Uy and Hon. RONNAN Christian “Bolingling” M. Reposar
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1257 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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1259 This Ordinance seeks to institutionalize community service as an alternative sanction for violations of municipal and
1260 barangay ordinances throughout the Province of Leyte. It responds to the growing need for humane, inclusive, and
1261 restorative approaches to local law enforcement, especially in cases involving indigent, first-time, or non-violent violators.
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1263 By providing a provincial framework, this measure ensures consistency, legal clarity, and operational efficiency across
1264 LGUs. It empowers local governments to implement community service programs that are culturally appropriate, socially
1265 beneficial, and aligned with national standards. It also promotes civic responsibility, reduces unnecessary detention, and
1266 fosters community healing.
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1268 In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought to advance restorative justice and inclusive
1269 governance across the Province of Leyte.
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1272 **WHEREAS**, the Province of Leyte upholds the principles of restorative justice, participatory governance, and equitable
1273 enforcement of local laws;
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1275 **WHEREAS**, the imposition of fines and detention for violations of municipal and barangay ordinances, while legally
1276 sanctioned, may disproportionately affect indigent constituents and first-time violators, particularly in rural and
1277 underserved communities;
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1279 **WHEREAS**, Section 468(a) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991,
1280 empowers the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to enact ordinances that promote the general welfare of the province and
1281 harmonize legislation across component LGUs;
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1283 **WHEREAS**, the Province of Leyte recognizes the need to institutionalize community service as a constructive, culturally
1284 sensitive, and legally sound alternative sanction, and to provide uniform guidelines for its implementation across
1285 municipalities and barangays;
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1287 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, in session duly assembled, that the
1288 following provincial-wide guidelines and mechanisms for the imposition of community service as an alternative sanction
1289 be adopted and enforced.
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1291 **SECTION 1. TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the “Provincial Community Service Ordinance of Leyte.”
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1293 **SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is the policy of the Province of Leyte to promote restorative justice,
1294 community accountability, and humane enforcement of local laws by institutionalizing community service as an alternative
1295 sanction for violations of municipal and barangay ordinances.
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1297 **SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**
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- 1299 • Community Service – Unpaid work rendered by a violator for the benefit of the community, in lieu of fines or
1300 detention.
- 1301 • Violator – Any person who has committed a violation of a municipal or barangay ordinance.
- 1302 • Implementing Officer – The designated LGU official responsible for supervising community service.
- 1303 • Restorative Justice – A principle that emphasizes repairing harm through inclusive and rehabilitative processes.
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1305 **SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY** - Community service may be imposed under the following conditions:
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- 1307 • For violations punishable by fines not exceeding ₱2,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days;
- 1308 • For first-time or indigent violators who voluntarily opt for community service;
- 1309 • For non-violent, non-drug-related, and non-sexual offenses;
- 1310 • Upon recommendation of the adjudicating authority or local enforcement body

1311 **SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM**

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1313 A. Designation of Implementing Officers

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- 1315 • Each Municipal Mayor shall designate a Community Service Coordinator under the MSWDO.
- 1316 • Each Punong Barangay shall designate a Barangay Community Service Officer.
- 1317 • The Provincial Government shall designate a Provincial Monitoring Team under the PSWDO.

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1319 B. Community Service Plan

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- 1321 • A written plan shall be prepared indicating the nature, duration, and location of the service.
- 1322 • Service may include environmental clean-up, public facility maintenance, LGU program support, or other socially
- 1323 beneficial tasks.

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1325 C. Duration and Schedule

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- 1327 • Not more than 8 hours/day and 5 days/week
- 1328 • Total duration shall be equivalent to the monetary value of the fine or gravity of the offense

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1330 D. Monitoring and Certification

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- 1332 • LGUs shall monitor compliance and issue Certificates of Completion
- 1333 • Non-compliance may result in reinstatement of the original penalty

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1335 E. Documentation and Reporting

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- 1337 • LGUs shall submit quarterly reports to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through the Committee on Peace and Order
- 1338 and Public Safety

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1340 **SECTION 7. RIGHTS AND SAFEGUARDS**

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- 1342 • No violator shall be compelled to perform community service against their will
- 1343 • Tasks must be safe, non-discriminatory, and appropriate to the violator's capacity
- 1344 • Public shaming and hazardous assignments are strictly prohibited

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1346 **SECTION 8. TRAINING AND SUPPORT** - The Provincial Government through the office of the PSWDO shall partner
1347 with LGUs in the training of personnel/designated focal persons in the implementation of this ordinance, provision of
1348 logistic support, and in monitoring activities. Municipalities and barangays are encouraged to integrate community service
1349 into their annual investment plans.

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1351 **SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in
1352 full force and effect.

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1354 **SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified
1355 accordingly.

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1357 **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication and posting in
1358 accordance with law.

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1368 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1369 So, this is the very purpose, Mr. Chair, on why this ordinance is being sought for by this
1370 representation and Atty. Reposar. So, I move that we approve the said proposed ordinance for
1371 1st reading. I so move.

1372 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1373 Second.

1374 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1375 Second.

1376 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1377 There's a motion by Honorable Uy.

1378 Any questions?

1379 Hearing none, motion is approved.

1380 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

1381 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1382 Mr. Chair?

1383 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1384 Yes, Honorable Gimenez, go ahead.

1385 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1386 Mr. Chair, I'm very happy that Honorable Uy and Honorable Reposar came up with this
1387 as being in the barangay. I only have a clarification, are you still going to come up with an IRR
1388 and how to will it be implemented? It's not specified in the ordinance which violation gets how
1389 many days and how many hours for the violator. It was not indicated also who will determine
1390 who gets what. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1391 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1392 Mr. Chair?

1393 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1394 Yes, Honorable Floor Leader, go ahead.

1395 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1396 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1397 I noticed also that this applies only to the Municipal and Barangay ordinances.
1398 However, in the province of Leyte, we also have a city under the Province of Leyte. Perhaps,
1399 if the distinguished authors would be amenable to include City, Municipal and Barangay
1400 ordinances.

1401 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1402 Mr. Chair, we agree with your suggestion that we include the Cities in the Province of
1403 Leyte. Mr. Chair, I move that this proposed ordinance be calendared for the 2nd reading next
1404 regular session because this representation would like the participation of this August body in
1405 the deliberation of this ordinance and that it will be enjoyable in crafting this particular
1406 ordinance.

1407 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1408 Mr. Chair, perhaps, we can refer this to the Committee on Rules so that the view of
1409 Honorable Gimenez would be included in the provisions.

1410 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1411 We are already ready with the IRR, Mr. Chair.

1412 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1413 Mr. Chair, we will consider the suggestion of the Honorable Floor Leader and as
1414 mentioned by the Honorable Reposar, we have an IRR for this but if you insist that we put that
1415 in this ordinance, we can do so, Mr. Chair. So, this ordinance is being discussed by this
1416 representation and Honorable Reposar.

1417 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1418 Mr. Chair?

1419 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1420 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Carmen Cari?

1421 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1422 Go ahead, Honorable Carmen Cari.

1423 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1424 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

1425 I would like to suggest also that it be specified what kind of service are we going to
1426 impose on this. It is important that the time that they serve for this community service should
1427 be known. Human rights side should also be considered in giving them the community service.
1428 Thank you.

1429 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1430 Mr. Chair, just another suggestion. In defining the extent of the community of service,
1431 we can use number of hours instead of days because they can also be flexible with the time
1432 like cleaning of streets can be done at night when there's less traffic so instead of 1 day, it
1433 could be 8 hours and could be day or night. Also, I'm in the position of the Honorable Carmen
1434 Cari that the community service should not be contrary to things such as the Moral, Good
1435 Customs, Public Order, and Public Policy.

1436 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1437 Point well taken, Mr. Chair.

1438 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1439 Mr. Chair, in addition, what we are contemplating with respect to the penalties, probably,
1440 we will include Environmental clean-up of public facilities or maybe an LGU program to support
1441 or other social beneficial work where we can include and we will identify community service
1442 plan in this particular ordinance.

1443 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1444 Any other discussion?

1445 Hearing none,

1446 So, there's a motion by Honorable Loreto to refer this ordinance to Committee on Rules.

1447 Motion is approved.

1448 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

1449 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1450 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the Business of the day, Mr. Chair. Item No.

1451 1, Madam Secretary, please.

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1454 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 1

Presented for consideration is **Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025**, entitled: " **AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 01, SERIES OF 2025**, INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF **FIFTEEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, SIXTY PESOS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTAVOS (Php 15,596,060.56)** FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES (PPAS) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE.

ITEM NO. 2

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2025 of Hilongos, Leyte** in the amount of **Php28,423,597.02** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-14**. Recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review letter dated October 17, 2025, together with **CY 2025 Supplemental Investment Program No. 02** of Hilongos, Leyte in the amount of **Php11,000,000.00**.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, there are two Supplemental Budgets. I move that we approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 2 and Supplemental Budget No. 2, both Series 2025 of Merida and Hilongos. I so move.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

1494 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1495 There's a move by Honorable Carlo Loreto approving Item No. 1 and 2. Item no. 1 is
1496 from Merida with an Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025 and Item No. 2 is General Fund
1497 Supplemental Budget 2 from Hilongos.

1498 Duly seconded.

1499 Any comments?

1500 Hearing none, motion is approved.

1501 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-**

1502 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1503 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to Item No. 3, Madam Secretary, please.

1504 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1505 **ITEM NO. 3**

1506 Presented for consideration is a letter dated October 9, 2025
1507 from **Matag-ob Municipal Mayor Bernardino G. Tacoy** seeking the
1508 intercession of the August body to invite and encourage the DENR
1509 Reg, VIII Technical Team to formally present the results of the re-
1510 conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) before the
1511 Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

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1513 **ITEM NO. 4**

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1515 Presented for consideration is a letter dated October 9, 2025
1516 from **Palompon Municipal Mayor Mary Dominique A. Oñate**
1517 seeking assistance to invite the DENR Region VIII Technical Team in
1518 charge of the re-conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment
1519 (Re-PASA) to formally present the results before the Sangguniang
1520 Panlalawigan of Leyte.

1521 **ITEM NO. 5**

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1523 Presented for consideration is a letter dated October 9, 2025
1524 from **VILLABA Municipal Mayor ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO**
1525 seeking assistance to invite the DENR Region VIII Technical Team in
1526 charge of the re-conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment
1527 (Re-PASA) to formally present the results before the Sangguniang
1528 Panlalawigan of Leyte.

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1530 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1531 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the distinguished the Eagles Governor

1532 Honorable Flaviano Centino, Jr.

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1534 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1535 Honorable Flaviano Centino, you are recognized.

1536 HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1537 Thank you, Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

1538 For Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5, letters coming from Matag-ob Municipal Mayor Bernardino G.
1539 Tacoy, Palompon Mayor Dominique A. Oñate, and Villaba Mayor Engr. Carlos G, Veloso,
1540 seeking intercession of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to invite and encourage the DENR
1541 Region 8 Technical Team to formally present to us the results of the re-conducted 2025 PASA
1542 (Protected Area Suitability Assessment).

1543 What is a Protected Area Suitability Assessment or PASA? My colleagues, this is a
1544 study by DENR to declare if an area, like a watershed or forest or a fish sanctuary or a
1545 mangrove area, is qualified to be a Protected Area of the NIPAS or the National-Integrated-
1546 Protected-Areas-System.

1547 Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader, for perspective, out of the 94 protected areas established
1548 under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), we only have 3 here in Leyte.
1549 These are 1- Cuatros Islas Protected Landscape and Seascape in the municipalities of
1550 Hindang and Inopacan, which belong to 5th District of Leyte. The 2- Lake Danao Natural Park
1551 in Ormoc, 4th District of Leyte and 3- Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park in the municipality of
1552 Burauen, 2nd District of Leyte.

1553 The Palompon Watershed and Forest Reserve was not established as a Protected
1554 Area in the NIPAS law of 2018 or RA 11038. Only the 94 protected areas mentioned in
1555 Section 4 A-1 of the NIPAS 2018 law were established as part of the NIPAS. The rest of the
1556 other areas or islands in the Philippines that were proclaimed, designated, or set aside,
1557 pursuant to a law, presidential decree, presidential proclamation, or executive order as a
1558 national park, game refuge, bird sanctuary, wilderness area, nature reserve, watershed,
1559 mangrove reserve, fish sanctuary etc. Were only designated as "INITIAL COMPONENTS OF
1560 THE SYSTEM".

1561 In order for an ecologically important area to be considered as part of the NIPAS,
1562 Protected Area, Section 4 A-2 required DENR, within 3 years from the effectivity of RA 11038,

1563 to undertake activities to establish if the remaining "Initial Component Areas", which were not
1564 specifically mentioned in Section 4 A-1, are suitable to be a protected area under NIPAS.

1565 To quote the Section 4 A-2 of the NIPAS Act, within three (3) years from effectivity of
1566 this Act, the DENR shall undertake the following activities in preparation for the establishment
1567 of the remaining initial components as protected areas through an act of Congress: 1- Provide
1568 maps and technical descriptions of the areas, 2- Conduct suitability assessment of the areas
1569 3- Conduct public consultations. Any initial component that does not satisfy the
1570 abovementioned requirements shall be dis-established pursuant to Section 7 of this Act.

1571 In short, if the area passed DENR's suitability assessment, it will be established as a
1572 protected area under the NIPAS through an act of Congress. But if the area, like Palompon's
1573 Watershed and Forest Reserve, failed DENR's suitability assessment, it will have to be dis-
1574 established. The DENR Region 8, as mandated by the NIPAS law, performed a Protected Area
1575 Suitability Assessment (PASA) on the Palompon Watershed Forest Reserve last August 2022.
1576 This was to determine if the PWFR, an initial component area, was suitable to be a protected
1577 area under the NIPAS.

1578 However, based on the results of the 2022 PASA, the Palompon Watershed did not
1579 qualify. It only garnered a score of 47.5%, which is far from the passing rate of 80% for it to be
1580 considered a Suitable Protected Area. This is because of the total 5,123.45 hectares within the
1581 Palompon Watershed Forest Reserve, approximately 75% (3,843.9 hectares) are titled,
1582 Alienable and Disposable (A&D) lands cultivated with coconut plantations, built-up areas, and
1583 other agricultural activities. This leaves only 25% (1,279.6 hectares) for forestlands. The
1584 PASA assessment showed that there was no presence of irreplaceable species within the
1585 watershed and it also scored low on the concentration abundance of flora and fauna.

1586 In Page 5 of DENR's PASA Report 2022, it is clear that they recommended that the
1587 Palompon Watershed Forest Reserve DOES NOT qualify to be declared as a protected area
1588 under the NIPAS. They recommended, however, for DENR to work with the LGU to

1589 rehabilitate and restore degraded natural resources and protect the remaining ecosystems
1590 (forestlands, grasslands, bushlands).

1591 If we follow Section 4 A-2 of RA 11038, the failed 2022 PASA results should have
1592 already dis-established the Palompon Watershed Forest Reserve as an initial component area.
1593 However, when DENR reported the 2022 PASA results for the dis-establishment of Palompon
1594 Watershed Forest Reserve, they were tasked to conduct another PASA, which is the re-PASA
1595 of 2025. As per Mayor DM Oñate's letter and media statements, this was due to the insistence
1596 of Congressman Richard Gomez.

1597 DENR obliged and did a RE-PASA in 2025. The results were presented to Palompon
1598 and Matag-ob LGUs in a stakeholder meeting last Oct 3, 2025. Not surprisingly, the re-PASA
1599 results showed the same results as the 2022 PASA, re-confirming that the Palompon
1600 Watershed failed to meet the requirements to be a Protected Area under the National
1601 Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS).

1602 It is worthy to note that Cong Richard Gomez did not attend the stakeholders meeting
1603 in Palompon. Instead, he called for another meeting in Ormoc with DENR, MGB, but without
1604 any of the Palompon, Matag-ob, Villaba LGUs and stakeholders present. His statements in the
1605 said meeting were also heavily covered by media outlets like Sunstar, Inquirer, Manila Bulletin,
1606 and Manila Times. The Chief Local Executives of Palompon, Matag-ob, and Villaba are now
1607 seeking for the intercession of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. They would like us to invite the
1608 DENR Region 8 Technical Team to formally present the re-PASA 2025 results as we are key
1609 stakeholders to the Palompon Watershed and Forest Reserve.

1610 The PWFR which traverses (2) districts, (3) municipalities, specifically (10) barangays
1611 in Palompon, (5) barangays in Matag-ob, plus more in Villaba, falls under our territorial
1612 jurisdiction. So, we should not be left out of the discussion. We would like to remind DENR of
1613 Section 2c of the Local Government Code which states, "It is likewise the policy of the State to
1614 require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate
1615 local government units, nongovernmental and people's organizations, and other concerned

1616 sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective
1617 jurisdictions."

1618 Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader, considering the foregoing, I move to pass a resolution
1619 requesting DENR Region 8 to formally present the PASA 2025 findings to the Sanggunian
1620 Panlalawigan of Leyte pursuant to Section 2c of the Local Government Code. I so move.

1621 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1622 Second.

1623 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1624 Second.

1625 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1626 Second.

1627 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1628 Second.

1629 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1630 There's a move by Honorable Ivan Centino, regarding the approval of Item Nos.3, 4,
1631 and 5.

1632 Duly seconded.

1633 Any comments?

1634 Hearing none, motion is approved.

1635 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2025-

1636 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1637 Mr. Chair.

1638 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1639 Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Honorable Kabigting?

1640 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1641 Yes, Honorable Chinggay Veloso Kabigting, you are recognize.

1642 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1643 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1644 Actually, this is not an objection. I wanted to say something in relation to this. Of course,
1645 all the LGUs wants the Palompon Watershed and Forest Reserve Protected for its Bio Diversity
1646 because it gives ecological advantages to these LGUs. But obviously, there should also be
1647 respect for the science of DENR and also the property rights of landowners, given that 75% of
1648 the land are titled properties, declared Alienable & Disposable by National Agencies. So, this
1649 is of course, unless there are legal grounds to revoke the land titles issued. So even if the
1650 DENR PASA 2022 Study already said I page 5 that they recommended the Palompon
1651 Watershed and Forest Reserve to be disestablished under an initial Component Area it hasn't
1652 been done, and actually Congressman Richard Gomez, already filed House Bill No. 7160 on
1653 February 14, 2023, without consulting the LGUs of Palombon, Matag-ob, and Villaba.

1654 The House Bill is "An Act Declaring A Parcel Of Land Located In The Municipalities Of
1655 Palompon, Matagob, And Villaba In The Province Of Leyte, A Protected Area With The
1656 Category Of Protected Landscape Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System
1657 (NIPAS), To Be Referred To As The Palompon Protected Landscape, Providing For Its
1658 Management And Appropriating Funds Therefor." So, This Bill Is Still Pending Approval In
1659 Congress Under The Committee On Natural Resources.

1660 But if this Bill is passed despite the Science of DENR saying that it is not suitable the
1661 consequences will actually be major for these three Municipalities and over fifteen Barangays.
1662 If it is successfully declared as a protected landscape under NIPAS, it will be managed by the
1663 Protected Area Management Board which will be chaired by the DENR Regional Director.

1664 Aside from the LGU representatives like the governor and the mayors and the barangay
1665 captains involved, the Protected Area Management Board will also include the 4th district
1666 congressman, a senator, and RDs of several national agencies: RD of the Department of
1667 Agriculture RD of NEDA, RD of DOST, RD of the PNP, the RD of Department of National
1668 Defense, and even the RD of DOT. It will also include 1 representative of an academic
1669 institution, 3 representatives from NGOs, and 1 representative of the private sector will now all
1670 seat in the Protected Area Management Board, who will manage these over fifteen Barangays
1671 in the Province of Leyte.

1672 So, imagine being a private resident or business owner in one of those barangays in
1673 the Alienable & Disposable Lands. Instead of just dealing with the barangay officials, or their
1674 congressman, or the municipal government, or the province of Leyte, they will now have to
1675 deal with so many people in National Agencies, private and non-government organizations for
1676 their day-to-day activities. It's quite distressing to imagine especially because the House Bill
1677 No. 7160 is not backed up by the 2 DENR PASA studies, so it's go against the NIPAS Law of
1678 Republic Act 11038. So, I echoed Board Member Ivan Centino sentiments in requesting the
1679 DENR to present to us the 2025 PASA results. Thank you, that's all.

1680 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1681 So, thank you very much for that additional observation.

1682 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1683 Mr. Chair.

1684 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1685 Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Honorable Codilla?

1686 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1687 Yes, Honorable Rico Codilla, you are recognized.

1688 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1689 Good morning, Mr. Chair. Good morning Mr. Floor Leader.

1690 I would like to point out that as per discussions with the LGUs and the PASA report
1691 which we have read. The LGUs of Palompon and Matag-ob actually maintain that they are
1692 very invested in ensuring the proper ecological management of the remaining forestlands
1693 within the Palompon Watershed and Forest Reserve. · They recognize it as a natural asset
1694 that creates win-win opportunities for their communities · They are highly invested in the area's
1695 proper management as it supplies water to over 5000+ households in the upland and lowland
1696 barangays of Palompon. · Aside from supplying clean water to the communities, they
1697 acknowledge that Palompon Watershed and Forest Reserve has also positively contributed to
1698 food security in the municipalities of Palompon and Matag-ob. Creating income opportunities
1699 for farmers cultivating cash crops. Most importantly, it has played a very important role in
1700 maintaining the ecological balance of Palompon, Villaba, Matag-ob LGUs and is a key part of

1701 the disaster risk reduction and management pla, and climate change resiliency plans of the
1702 municipalities. ·

1703 So, I would like to stress that even if the Protected Area is not under the NIPAS (National
1704 Integrated Protected Areas System), the Palompon and Matag-ob LGUs are actually enforcing
1705 best efforts in the conservation and management of the natural resources of the Palompon
1706 Watershed and Forest Reserve as it is in their best interest to have them effectively managed.

1707 That's all, Mr. Chair, I will fully support the motion of BM Ivan Centino, to have DENR
1708 Region 8 present the PASA to these August body. That's all, Mr. Chair.

1709 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1710 Second.

1711 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1712 Mr. Chair?

1713 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1714 Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

1715 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1716 Yes. Honorable Reposar.

1717 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1718 Just a query, since Item Nos 3,4, and 5, are requests for the presentation of the PASA
1719 through DENR before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, may I just know from the proponent
1720 what concrete legislative action is requested from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, after the
1721 presentation, Mr. Chair?

1722 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1723 Maybe, as a result, after they present the 2025 PASA results to us, we can give a
1724 Resolution to the House Representatives saying that we are not agreeing with the House Bill
1725 7160, because it violates the NIPAS Law which says that DENR should first declare the Land
1726 as suitable to be a protected area based on their PASA results. So, that could be an outcome
1727 results of the DENR can present to us.

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1729 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1730 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

1731 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1732 Thank you very much, Honorable Chinggay Veloso Kabigting.

1733 Anymore observations? None?

1734 So, Item Nos. 3, 4, and 5, which is passed by Honorable Ivan Centino, is now approved.

1735 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1736 Mr. Chair, we now proceed to the last Item in our agenda, Madam Secretary, please.

1737 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1738 **ITEM NO. 6**

1739 Presented for consideration is a letter dated

1740 October 27, 2025 from **Hon. Board Member Alan P. Ang**

1741 relative to the **environmental situation** of the **Municipality**

1742 **of San Isidro, Leyte** and also hoping for support on possible

1743 steps that may address the environmental issues confronting

1744 the municipality.

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1746 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1747 Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Distinguished Gentleman from San Isidro?

1748 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1749 Honorable Board Member Alan Ang?

1750 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1751 Mr. Chair. Mr. Floor Leader. My Colleagues. Good morning.

1752 Can I endorse this letter to the Committee of Environment and if ever we could also

1753 invite the whole Members of the Committee and to the Board Members to at least highlight the

1754 Environmental situation in the Municipality?

1755 So, I would like to invite the Committee to also invite the Board Members during the

1756 Committee hearing. I do move, Mr. Chair.

1757 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1758 Second.

1759 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1760 Second.

1761 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1762 Second.
1763 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1764 Duly seconded.
1765 Any comments?
1766 Hearing none, motion is approved.
1767 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-**
1768 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1769 Mr. Chair?
1770 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1771 Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?
1772 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1773 Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.
1774 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: TEMP. FLOOR LEADER/1ST DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1775 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.
1776 Actually, I read the attached letter the Good Board Member of BM Ang. I think , it
1777 concerns the Environmentally critical area in the Municipality of San Isidro. Timely we have
1778 already have approved the RINO Ordinance so Environmental Critical Areas, are subject to
1779 the issuance Environmental Issuance Certificate. Which I think would require any proponent
1780 conducting any project within that Environmental Critical Area to secure Resolution Interposing
1781 Objection before the Provincial Government of Leyte per our Resolutions. I think, that will be
1782 included during the discussion of the concern of the Honorable BM Ang. Mr. Chair.
1783 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1784 Thank you, Atty Reposar.
1785 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1786 Thank you very much.
1787 That would be our last Agenda. Any other matters?
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1790 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1791 Mr. Chair. There are several Committees in our Rules, to which we have not voted any

1792 Chairpersons? There are five, perhaps we can elect the Chairpersons?

1793 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1794 Maybe we can discuss that when our Vice Governor is present? Or is it urgent?

1795 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1796 We can have it over lunch and elect among ourselves or whoever wants the Committee.

1797 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1798 Ok. Any other matter to be discussed?

1799 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1800 Mr. Chair?

1801 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1802 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Carmen Cari?

1803 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1804 Honorable Carmen Cari, you are recognized.

1805 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

1806 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

1807 Before we adjourn, can we make a Resolution Congratulating the Governor, the

1808 Honorable Jericho "Icot" L. Petilla, who has been elected, appointed as the RDC Chairman of

1809 the Region 8.

1810 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1811 Second.

1812 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1813 Second.

1814 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1815 Second.

1816 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1817 Second.

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1819 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1820 Mass Motion.
1821 Duly seconded.
1822 Any comments?
1823 Hearing none, motion is approved.
1824 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-**
1825 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT
1826 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
1827 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1828 Mr. Chair?
1829 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1830 Go ahead, Honorable Floor Leader.
1831 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1832 I move that we pass a Resolution congratulating Honorable Carmen Cari, for being re-
1833 elected as PCL President and the other Officers also.
1834 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1835 Second.
1836 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1837 Second.
1838 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER
1839 Mass Motion.
1840 Duly seconded.
1841 Any comments?
1842 Hearing none, motion is approved.
1843 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2025-**
1844 HON. CARMEN L. CARI: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT
1845 Mr. Chair, tomorrow, October 29, 2025, we will have the LLA Awarding in the City of
1846 Baybay and all the Board Members are invited.
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1848 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1849 Thank you very much, Honorable Carmen Cari, for that information.

1850 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1851 Any other matters?

1852 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1853 Mr. Chair.

1854 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1855 Yes, Honorable Lumen.

1856 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1857 If there are no more other matters, I move to adjourn.

1858 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1859 Second.

1860 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1861 There's a move to adjourn the session

1862 Duly seconded.

1863 Session is adjourned.

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1865 (The session was adjourned at 11:57 o'clock in the morning

1866 A closing prayer was led by the Honorable Que.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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