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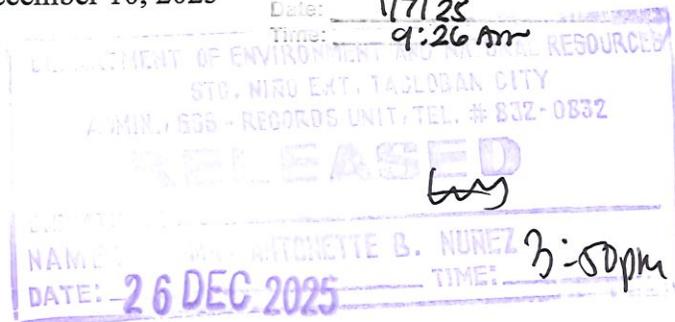
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HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Provincial Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
Leyte Provincial Capitol
Palo, Leyte

Dear Honorable Vice Governor Javier, Jr.:

Mabuhay!

We wish to formally acknowledge Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Resolution No. 2025-529, which refers to the letters from the municipal mayors of Matag-ob, Palompon, and Villaba, Leyte. This resolution requests the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office VIII, to present the 2025 Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) for the Palompon Watershed Forest Reserve (PWFR) to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

In light of this request, the Office stands ready to present the PASA results at a time that is most convenient for the members of the SP, preferably after we have received and incorporated the review and recommendations from the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB). We will ensure to coordinate with your office once the report has been finalized in accordance with the BMB's guidance.

Should you have any inquiries or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at (053) 832-0803 or via email at cdd.r8@denr.gov.ph.

Respectfully yours,

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON OCTOBER 28, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-529

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE LETTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL MAYORS OF MATAG-OB, PALOMPON AND VILLABA, LEYTE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE VIII, FOR THAT OFFICE TO PRESENT TO THE AUGUST BODY THE 2025 PROTECTED AREA SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT (PASA) FOR THE PALOMPON WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE (PWFR).

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan are the following letters from the Municipalities of Matag-ob, Palompon and Villaba, Leyte, to wit:

1. Letter dated October 9, 2025 from **Matag-ob Municipal Mayor Bernardino G. Tacoy** seeking the intercession of the August body to invite and encourage the DENR Region VIII Technical Team to formally present the results of the re-conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte;
2. Letter dated October 9, 2025 from **Palompon Municipal Mayor Mary Dominique A. Oñate** seeking assistance to invite the DENR Region VIII Technical Team in charge of the re-conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment (Re-PASA) to formally present the results before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte;
3. Letter dated October 9, 2025 from **VILLABA Municipal Mayor Engr. Carlos G. Veloso** seeking assistance to invite the DENR Region VIII Technical Team in charge of the re-conducted Protected Area Suitability Assessment (Re-PASA) to formally present the results before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte;

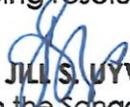
WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to refer to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office VIII the letters of the Municipal Mayors of Matag-ob, Palompon and Villaba, Leyte;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to **REFER THE LETTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL MAYORS OF MATAG-OB, PALOMPON AND VILLABA, LEYTE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, REGIONAL OFFICE VIII, FOR THAT OFFICE TO PRESENT TO THE AUGUST BODY THE 2025 PROTECTED AREA SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT (PASA) FOR THE PALOMPON WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE (PWFR).**

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
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ATTESTED:


HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
5th District Board Member
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

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