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Province of Leyte  
MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
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Ex-Officio Member  
SKF President

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RUDIN T. BABANTE  
Municipal Mayor

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 30 MARCH 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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| Honorable Jesus A. Baranda          | Vice Mayor, Presiding                                |
| Honorable Raul E. Mundala           | SB Member  |
| Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr.     | SB Member  |
| Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante | SB Member  |
| Honorable Trina C. Burawis          | SB Member  |
| Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin       | SB Member  |
| Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin         | SB Member  |
| Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso       | SB Member  |
| Honorable Jose A. Baranda           | Ex-Officio Member<br>President, Liga ng mga Barangay |
| Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos      | Ex-Officio Member<br>SKF President                   |

ABSENT:

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| Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar | SB Member |
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-064

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH, SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 2026-700-A, REQUESTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL BLACK SAND MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE, PENDING COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, AND DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO ENFORCE APPROPRIATE LOCAL REGULATORY MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur is vested with authority under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to enact measures for the protection of the environment and the promotion of the general welfare;

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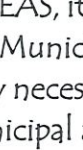
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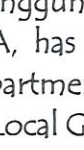
  
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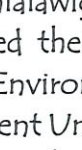
  
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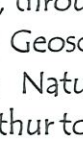
  
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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through Resolution No. 2026-700-A, has requested the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Local Government Unit of MacArthur to suspend black sand mining activities pending compliance review;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of MacArthur supports said Provincial Resolution;

WHEREAS, reports and complaints from some personalities indicate possible adverse environmental impacts from black sand mining activities, including flooding, erosion, siltation, and damage to agricultural lands and waterways;

WHEREAS, there is a need to verify whether such mining operations are compliant with the requirements imposed by national agencies;

WHEREAS, it is established that no local permit or license has been issued by the Municipality of MacArthur for any mining company to operate, thereby necessitating strict monitoring and regulation within the bounds of municipal authority;

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso seconded by en masse,

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

TO EXPRESS FULL SUPPORT FOR, AND COMPLIANCE WITH, SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 2026-700-A, and to adopt its directives at the municipal level;

TO REQUEST AND SUPPORT the immediate temporary suspension of all black sand mining activities within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, pending the outcome of the compliance audit and environmental review to be conducted by the MGB and DENR;


THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. RUDIN T. BABANTE, who supported and recommended this resolution hereby commit to implement and enforce this Resolution, including:

Ensuring that no local permit or authorization shall be issued for black sand mining without compliance clearance from proper authorities;

Monitoring and regulating ongoing activities within the municipality to ensure adherence to applicable laws and ordinances;


Coordinating with the DENR, MGB, EMB, and Provincial Government for enforcement and compliance verification;

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Municipal Vice Mayor


Concurred:

  
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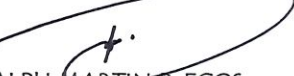
  
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Municipal Mayor

TO REQUIRE all concerned mining operators to submit copies of their ECC, MPSA or mining permits, approved work programs, and other relevant documents to the Municipal Government for verification and record purposes;


TO COORDINATE with the concerned national agencies to ensure the effective conduct of compliance audit and environmental investigation;

TO FURNISH copies of this Resolution to the Office of the DENR Secretary, MGB Regional Office VIII, EMB Region VIII, the Provincial Government of Leyte, and other concerned agencies for appropriate action.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until such time that full compliance is established and confirmed by the appropriate authorities.

Unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Palo, Leyte  
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-700-A**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU (MGB) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MACARTHUR TO SUSPEND ANY ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE BLACK SAND MINING IN MACARTHUR, LEYTE PENDING COMPLIANCE REVIEW.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is vested with legislative authority under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to enact measures to protect the environment and promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the Province of Leyte;

**WHEREAS**, reports and complaints have been received from residents and stakeholders in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, regarding alleged environmental impacts arising from ongoing activities in relation to the mining operation in the municipality of MacArthur, Leyte. Foreseen impacts include, flooding, soil erosion, siltation of waterways, damage to agricultural lands and irrigation system;

**WHEREAS**, while mining activities are regulated by the national government through the DENR and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau pursuant to Republic Act No. 7942 (Philippine Mining Act of 1995), local government units retain police power under the Local Government Code to ensure the protection of public health, safety, environmental integrity, and infrastructure within their territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to determine whether any and all activities related to mining operations are strictly complying with the terms and conditions of their Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) or other permits issued by the appropriate national agencies;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to assess whether such operations are consistent with existing provincial zoning ordinances, environmental protection codes, disaster risk reduction policies, and infrastructure regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, duly seconded by Honorable Wilson S. Uy,


**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

1. To REQUIRE the mining operator to present copies of its MPSA or mining permit, Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), approved work program, and other relevant permit for verification;

2. To REQUEST the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) to conduct a compliance audit and environmental review of the said mining operations;
3. To FORMALLY REQUEST the MGB, DENR, and LGU of MacArthur, to order the temporary suspension of any and all activities in relation to the mining operations pending the outcome of the compliance audit and environmental investigation, should substantial violations or risks to public safety and environmental integrity be established;
4. To FURNISH copies of this Resolution to the Office of the DENR Secretary, the Regional Director of MGB Regional VIII, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), and the Municipal Government of MacArthur for appropriate action.

**Approved unanimously.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**FLORINDA J. S. JYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

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

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