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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 235 the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 235 entitled: **“Municipal Ordinance on Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 11642². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

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

²“Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act”.

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2nd Indorsement
27 March 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 235, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF R. A. No. 11642, the DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE ACT**, in the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte** providing for local mechanisms to support adoption and alternative child care, and for other purposes.


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

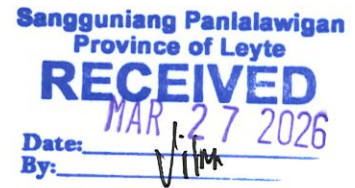
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ENDORSEMENT

March 25, 2026



HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 235** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11642, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE ACT,' IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR LOCAL MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**" of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 235** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11642, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR LOCAL MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from March 25, 2026.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 25th Day of March, 2026.

Very truly yours,

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Date: _____
By: Vila

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on February 09, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
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ATTESTED:


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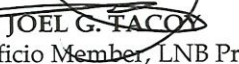

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33rd
REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG
BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE
LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 09,
2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 235

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11642, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR LOCAL MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author : Hon. Evangeline C. Carno
Co-authors : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
Hon. Luz M. Boldero

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11642, otherwise known as the "Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act," declares it a policy of the State to ensure that every child remains under the care and custody of their biological parents, and when this is not possible, to provide alternative child care in a safe, nurturing, and family-based environment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11642 streamlined the domestic adoption process and strengthened the system for foster care, kinship care, and other forms of alternative child care through administrative proceedings;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units (LGUs) play a vital role in child protection, family support, and the implementation of adoption and alternative child care

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programs at the community level;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize local mechanisms in the Municipality of Matag-ob to support, facilitate, and coordinate the implementation of Republic Act No. 11642 and its implementing rules and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob hereby enacts this Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal Ordinance on Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care of the Municipality of Matag-ob."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob to uphold the best interests of the child, promote family-based care, support domestic administrative adoption, and strengthen alternative child care services, in coordination with the National Authority for Child Care (NACC) and other concerned agencies.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

Child - A person below eighteen (18) years of age.

Domestic Administrative Adoption - Adoption of a Filipino child by Filipino citizens residing in the Philippines through administrative proceedings, as provided under Republic Act No. 11642.

Alternative Child Care - Includes foster care, kinship care, residential care, and other child care arrangements Authorized under Republic Act No. 11642.

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NACC - National Authority for Child Care.

MSWDO - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Matag-ob.

SECTION 4. Role of the Municipal Government. The Municipal Government of Matag-ob shall provide support mechanisms for the implementation of Republic Act No. 11642, including information dissemination, case referral, and coordination with the NACC and other concerned agencies.

SECTION 5. Duties of the MSWDO. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall:

- Identify, document, and manage cases of children in need of adoption or alternative child care;
- Provide counseling, case management, and support services to biological parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, and children;
- Coordinate with the NACC for assessment, placement, adoption, and alternative child care arrangements;
- Assist in the preparation and submission of required reports and documents;
- Conduct community education and advocacy on adoption and alternative child care.

SECTION 6. Role of Barangays. All barangays in the Municipality of Matag-ob shall:

- Identify and report children in need of care and protection to the MSWDO;
- Assist in monitoring children placed under alternative child care within their jurisdiction;
- Support awareness campaigns on responsible parenthood, adoption, and foster care.

SECTION 7. Protection of Children. All children subject of adoption or alternative child care shall be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination. Confidentiality of records and proceedings shall be strictly observed in accordance with law.

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SECTION 8. Funding. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of Matag-ob, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. Implementing Authority. The Municipal Mayor, through the MSWDO, shall be the primary implementing authority of this Ordinance, in coordination with the NACC and other concerned national government agencies.

SECTION 10. Amendments Clause. This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the posting and publication requirements under existing laws.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENACTED this 9th day of February, 2026, at the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

[Signature]
 HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA
 Municipal Vice-Mayor
 Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

[Signature]
 HONORABLE BERNANDINO G. TACOY
 Municipal Mayor

25 MAR 2026

Date Signed

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