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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 231 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 231 entitled: “ **Municipal Foundling Recognition and Protection Ordinance 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 Section 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with RA 11767². 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 Foundling Recognition and Protection 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. 231, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF R. A. No. 11767, the FOUNDLING RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION ACT in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte providing for the recognition, registration, and protection of foundlings, and for other purposes.**

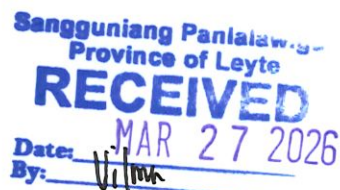

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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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. 231** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11767, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDLING RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE RECOGNITION, REGISTRATION, AND PROTECTION OF FOUNDLINGS, 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. 231** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11767, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDLING RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE RECOGNITION, REGISTRATION, AND PROTECTION OF FOUNDLINGS, 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: MAR 27 2026
By: VLM

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 02, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 32nd
REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG
BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE
LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 02,
2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 231
Series 2026

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11767, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDLING RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE RECOGNITION, REGISTRATION, AND PROTECTION OF FOUNDLINGS, 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

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

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11767, otherwise known as the "Foundling Recognition and Protection Act," declares it a policy of the State to protect the rights and welfare of foundlings and to ensure their recognition, registration, and access to basic services;

WHEREAS, local government units (LGUs) play a vital role in the effective implementation of national laws and policies, particularly those involving child welfare and protection;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to establish clear local mechanisms in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for the identification, recognition, registration, and protection of foundlings, consistent with Republic Act No. 11767 and other related laws;

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal Foundling Recognition and Protection Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte to uphold the dignity, rights, and welfare of every foundling. The Municipality shall ensure that foundlings are promptly recognized, properly registered, protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and provided access to basic services, in coordination with concerned national government agencies and civil society partners.

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

- 1. Foundling** - A deserted or abandoned child or infant with unknown parentage, as defined under Republic Act No. 11767.
- 2. Recognition** - The official acknowledgment by the Local Civil Registry and the Local Government Unit of the status of a foundling pursuant to law.
- 3. Registration** - The process of recording the birth or civil status of a foundling in the Local Civil Registry in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.
- 4. Local Civil Registrar (LCR)** - The Municipal Civil Registrar of Matag-ob, Leyte.
- 5. MSWDO** - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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 02, 2026.

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ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
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SECTION 4. Recognition of Foundlings. The Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, through the Local Civil Registrar, shall recognize foundlings in accordance with Republic Act No. 11767 and its implementing rules and regulations. Recognition shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, ethnicity, or any other status.

SECTION 5. Registration of Foundlings. All foundlings discovered within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte shall be registered with the Local Civil Registry. The Local Civil Registrar shall facilitate the issuance of a Certificate of Foundling or any equivalent document as may be prescribed by law, free from unnecessary delay and in coordination with the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SECTION 6. Duties and Responsibilities of the MSWDO. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall:

- a. Provide immediate assistance, care, and protection to foundlings;
- b. Conduct case assessment, documentation, and referral, when necessary;
- c. Coordinate with the Local Civil Registrar for the recognition and registration of foundlings;
- d. Facilitate access to health care, nutrition, education, and other basic social services;
- e. Recommend appropriate temporary or permanent placement, including foster care or adoption, in accordance with existing laws.

SECTION 7. Role of Barangays. All barangays in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte shall:

- a. Immediately report to the MSWDO and the Local Civil Registrar any discovered foundling within their jurisdiction;
- b. Assist in the protection and temporary care of foundlings until proper authorities take over;
- c. Help disseminate information on the rights and protection of foundlings.

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SECTION 8. Protection of Foundlings. Foundlings shall be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation, trafficking, and any form of discrimination. Any act that violates their rights shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. Funding. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the annual budget of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 10. Implementing Authority. The Municipal Mayor, through the Local Civil Registrar and the MSWDO, shall be the primary implementing authority of this Ordinance, in coordination with concerned national government agencies.

SECTION 11. Amendments Clause. This ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through the appropriate legislative process.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the required posting and publication requirements under existing laws.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENACTED this 2nd day of February, 2026, at the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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VOTING ON THIS ORDINANCE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES - 10

- Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
- Hon. Joel N. Denoy
- Hon. Evangeline C. Carno
- Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
- Hon. Rodolfo N. Suñir
- Hon. Luz M. Boldero
- Hon. Jose B. Yap
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NAYES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA
 Municipal Vice-Mayor
 Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY
 Municipal Mayor

25 MAR 2026

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