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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON MARCH 24, 2026

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Dario P. Lleve | Municipal Vice Mayor, Prsdg. Officer |
| Hon. Lemuel Vincent D. Tan | SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore |
| Hon. Felicito V. Topia, Jr. | SB Member |
| Hon. Ma. Amelia C. Gacis | SB Member |
| Hon. Ofelia K. Traya | SB Member |
| Hon. Rodolfo M. Cabias | SB Member, Floor Leader |
| Hon. Roy Percival M. Perez | SB Member |
| Hon. Patrocinio A. Risos, Jr. | SB Member |
| Hon. Erwin V. Belleza | SB Member |
| Hon. John Bill V. Traya | SB Member, ABC President |
| Hon. Melliza Jane C. Traya | SB Member, SK Fed. President |

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JEANNETTE A. VALIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
LGU - Abuyog, Leyte

ABSENT:
NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 172, S. 2026

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE, THROUGH THE HONORABLE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AND THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, TO PASS A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEYTE REGIONAL PRISON (LRP) EXTENSION PROJECT, AND ASSERTING THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG OVER BARANGAYS KIKILO, SAN ROQUE, BAGACAY, AND BULAK

WHEREAS the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) has proposed the establishment and expansion of the Leyte Regional Prison (LRP) Extension Project within areas encompassing Barangays Kikilo, San Roque, Bagacay, and Bulak;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte, has consistently maintained and exercised administrative, political, and legal jurisdiction over the aforementioned four (4) barangays, which are historically and legally recognized as integral parts of its territorial domain;

WHEREAS, there exists a long-standing inter-provincial boundary dispute involving the Municipality of Abuyog (Province of Leyte) and the Municipality of Silago (Province of Southern Leyte) regarding the exact delimitation of these areas;

WHEREAS, the proposed LRP Extension Project, if allowed to proceed under the current premises, would be detrimental to the legal position of Abuyog, as it may

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inadvertently validate or facilitate territorial encroachment, thereby complicating the resolution of the ongoing boundary dispute;

WHEREAS, this issue transcends a mere local disagreement, as it constitutes a matter of inter-provincial significance that directly affects the territorial integrity and the delivery of basic services by the Province of Leyte to the residents of the affected barangays;

WHEREAS, Section 118 (c) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that boundary disputes involving municipalities of different provinces shall be jointly referred to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the provinces concerned for settlement;

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Body that the Provincial Government of Leyte must take a proactive stance in protecting its territorial boundaries and supporting the claim of its component municipality against any project that might prejudice pending jurisdictional settlements;

WHEREAS, after a thorough deliberation on the matter as presented, be it

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THEREFORE, BY THE 20th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, SESSION ASSEMBLED AND DULY CALLED FOR, and upon motion of Honorable SB Member Rodulfo M. Cabias, jointly seconded by Honorable SB Member Roy Percival M. Perez and Honorable SB Member Ofelia K. Traya, be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Provincial Government of Leyte, through the Honorable Provincial Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, to express vehement opposition to the proposed Leyte Regional Prison Extension Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte to pass a corresponding resolution of opposition to ensure that no national government project is implemented in the disputed areas that would undermine the territorial claim of Abuyog and the Province of Leyte.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Provincial Governor of Leyte, the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, the Secretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Director General of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) for their information and appropriate action

APPROVED: March 24, 2026

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

SUNNY BOY DUMANHOG
Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. LEMUEL VINCENT D. TAN
SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore

HON. FELICITO V. TOPIA, JR.
SB Member

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APPROVED:

HON. DARIO P. LLEVE
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer

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