



Republic of the Philippines  
**MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG**  
 Province of Leyte

Item No.: 19

Date: 2026 JUN



*Office of the Sangguniang Bayan*

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON JUNE 2, 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         |

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
 Province of Leyte  
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**ABSENT:**  
 NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 253, S. 2026**

**A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHERSON M. YAP, 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN LEYTE THE VEHEMENT OBJECTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER NATIONAL PENAL PRISON IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF ABUYOG, LEYTE**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**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, this municipality;

**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 establishments of large prison facility within a rural community poses serious social and public safety concerns of its inhabitants ranging from violent escape incidents and high-profile searches that cause panic and disruption in the community;

**WHEREAS**, establishing another penal colony, the rural host community of a large prison reservation may suffer from a negative reputation or stigma that can deter the entry of legitimate businesses and curtail the growth of its local tourism industry;

**WHEREAS**, there is already a penal colony in the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte known as the Leyte Regional Prison (LRP) located at Barangay Cagbolo and Barangay Mahagna with a total land area of Eight Hundred Sixty-One (861) Hectares;

*[Handwritten Signatures]*

**WHEREAS**, based on data available in our offices, barely ten percent (10%) are developed and used by the LRP presently, hence, it is impractical to expand and establish a new one;

**WHEREAS**, after a thorough deliberation on the matter at hand, be it

**THEREFORE, BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED AND DULY CALLED FOR**, and upon motion of Honorable SB Member Rodulfo M. Cabis duly seconded by Honorable SB Member Roy Percival M. Perez.

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to inform as it is hereby informing the Honorable Congressman Christopherson M. Yap, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Southern Leyte the Vehement Objection of the Establishment of another National Penal Prison in the territorial jurisdiction of Abuyog, Leyte.

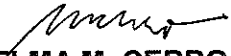
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of this resolution to the Honorable Provincial Governor of Leyte, and the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, for their information.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to send copy of this resolution to the Honorable Congressman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Southern Leyte with office address at Poblacion District I, Silago, Southern, Leyte.


APPROVED: June 2, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

ATTESTED:

  
**VELMA M. CERRO**  
Temp. Secretary to the Sanggunian


**JEANNETTE A. VALIDA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
(Official Business)

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

  
**HON. FELICITO V. TOPIA, JR.**  
SB Member

  
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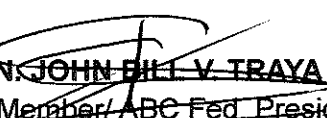
  
**HON. OFELIA K. TRAYA**  
SB Member

  
**HON. RODULFO M. CABIAS**  
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APPROVED:

  
**HON. DARIO P. LAVEVE**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer