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2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT

June 3, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 186 of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 186 entitled: **“BNS Institutionalization Ordinance of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(5)(xi)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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.

*[Signature]*  
**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer*

<sup>1</sup> (xi) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students residing within the municipality in schools located within its jurisdiction;


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1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 186**, series of 2025 of the **Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) Program in the Municipality of San Isidro, providing guidelines for their selection, qualification, training, duties, incentives, supervision, and security of tenure, appropriating funds therefore, and for other purposes.**

  
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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May 28, 2026

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**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Provincial Vice Governor  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Leyte Provincial Government Complex  
West Bypass Road, Brgy. Guindapuan  
Palo, Leyte

Attn: The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Respectfully submitting herewith 16 copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 186 SERIES OF 2025 "AN ORDINANCE INTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO; PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THEIR SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, DUTIES, INCENTIVES, SUPERVISION, AND SECURITY OF TENURE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE."**, for your evaluation in accordance with the required provincial review as provided by the Local Government Code of 1991.

Thank you for your kind consideration and usual assistance.

Respectfully yours,

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attachment:

16 copies Municipal Ordinance No. 186 s. 2025



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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE No. 186**  
Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO; PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THEIR SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, DUTIES, INCENTIVES, SUPERVISION, AND SECURITY OF TENURE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsored by: Hon. Ailene L. Basilan, Chairperson, Committee on Women, Children & Family and Committee on Health and Sanitation.  
Co-Sponsored by: Hon. Concepcion B. Pacampara, Hon. Courtney I. Viola, Hon. Rolando C. Piamonte, Hon. Rem Berly Y. Veloso, Hon. Glenn D. Velasco, Hon. Dante R. Rodaje.

**WHEREAS**, malnutrition remains a significant public health concern in the Philippines, and the National Government has prioritized the "First 1,000 Days of Life" as the golden window to prevent stunting and malnutrition through Republic Act No. 11148 and the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023-2028;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte, with its nineteen (19) barangays, is committed to supporting national nutrition goals by targeting vulnerable groups, especially children 0-23 months, pregnant women, and lactating mothers;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree 1569 (1978) mandates the strengthening of the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing at least one (1) Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) per barangay as a volunteer worker;

**WHEREAS**, Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) serve as the primary link between the Local Government Unit and the community in the delivery of nutrition services and implementation of nutrition-related programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of San Isidro recognizes the need to institutionalize the BNS Program to ensure continuity, sustainability, accountability, and effectiveness of nutrition interventions at the barangay.

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VM CARMICHAEL L. VILLARINO

MAYOR REMEDIO B. VELOSO

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of the Hon. Ailene L. Basilan, duly seconded en masse;

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN ISIDRO, LEYTE**, in session assembled, THAT:

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known as the **"Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Institutionalization Ordinance of the Municipality of San Isidro."**

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of San Isidro to promote, protect, and improve the nutritional status of its constituents by institutionalizing the Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program and ensuring adequate support, capacity-building, incentives, and security of tenure for BNS as frontline nutrition workers.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE.**

This Ordinance shall apply to all Barangay Nutrition Scholars assigned in all barangays of the Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte.

**SECTION 4. LEGAL BASIS.**

This ordinance shall be governed by the provisions of the following acts of the State:

- a. Presidential Decree 1569 - Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by Providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in Every Barangay, Providing Funds Thereof, and For Other Purposes;
- b. Republic Act No. 11148 - otherwise known as the Kalusugan at Nutrisisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act, mandates the strengthening of local nutrition programs and the institutional support to frontline nutrition workers, including Barangay Nutrition Scholars;
- c. PPAN 2023-2028 - underscores the critical role of BNS in addressing malnutrition and achieving national nutrition targets.
- d. NNC guidelines.

**SECTION 5. SELECTION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS.**

- a. Each barangay shall have at least one (1) Barangay Nutrition Scholar, with additional BNS as may be deemed necessary based on population size and nutrition risk.

  
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- b. The Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay of the concerned barangay, subject to the concurrence of the majority of members of the Sangguniang Barangay.

**SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS.**

The Barangay Nutrition Scholars must possess the following qualifications:

- a. A bona fide resident of the respective Barangay for at least one (2) years where he/she will be assigned;
- b. At least **eighteen (18) years old** at the time of appointment and will not exceed sixty (60) years old;
- c. Of good moral character, physically and mentally fit to perform the duties of a BNS;
- d. Has at least completed secondary education;
- e. Able to read, write and communicate effectively in the local dialect; and
- f. Willing to undergo training and perform nutrition-related functions on a regular basis.

**SECTION 7. TRAINING AND CAPABILITY BUILDING.**

- a. All BNS shall undergo basic and advanced nutrition training conducted or accredited by the National Nutrition Council (NNC), Provincial Nutrition Office, or the Municipal Government.
- b. Regular capacity-building activities, refresher courses, and updates shall be provided to ensure competency and effectiveness.
- c. Training expenses shall be funded by the Municipal Government, subject to availability of funds.

**SECTION 8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS.**

The Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall adhere to the following duties and responsibilities to effectively fulfill their job:

- a. Attend regular meetings pertaining to Nutrition plans, programs, and projects as mandated by the Local Government Unit of San Isidro;
- b. Assist the BNC in formulating and implementing the Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP);
- c. Conduct nutritional assessments, including "Operation Timbang Plus" (e-OPT);
- d. Monitor the "First 1,000 Days" (pregnant women and Children 0-23 months);

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## **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**


**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 186 SERIES OF 2025 “AN ORDINANCE INTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS (BNS) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO; PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THEIR SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, DUTIES, INCENTIVES, SUPERVISION, AND SECURITY OF TENURE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE.”**, has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places of the Municipality on May 25, 2026 and remain posted to date, in compliance with Art.114 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, at San Isidro, Leyte.

  
**MARIA CARINE R. VILLARINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Noted by:

  
**HON. CARMICHAEL L. VILLARINO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer