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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 8 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 8 entitled: "Merida Mandatory Infant and Child Immunization Ordinance of 2026"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 4479(a)(1)¹. Hence, we recommend 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


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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 08, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance mandating infant and child health immunization in the Municipality of Merida, Leyte, providing for monitoring mechanisms, ensuring that no child is left behind, and providing recognition to outstanding Barangay Health Workers, BNS, Midwives, and Barangay Council Health Supervisors, and for other purposes.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE
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DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2026 "AN ORDINANCE MANDATING INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH IMMUNIZATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR MONITORING MECHANISMS, ENSURING THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND, AND PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO OUTSTANDING BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BNS, MIDWIVES, AND BARANGAY COUNCIL HEALTH SUPERVISORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** enacted by the 19th Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE
 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE, HELD ON APRIL 22, 2026
 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL, MERIDA, LEYTE

**Sangguniang Pambalayan
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-RESOLUTION NO. 19-26-087-

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution-Ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte on **APRIL 22, 2026**

JOSELITO T. DE LOS ANGELES
 SB Secretary

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

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HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
 Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL NO. 08, SERIES OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE MANDATING INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH IMMUNIZATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR MONITORING MECHANISMS, ENSURING THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND, AND PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO OUTSTANDING BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BNS, MIDWIVES, AND BARANGAY COUNCIL HEALTH SUPERVISORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, Article II, Section 15, mandates that the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to promote public health, protect inhabitants, and implement health programs at the municipal and barangay levels;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7600, the Rooming-In and Breastfeeding Act of 1992, emphasizes maternal and child health and underscores the need for preventive measures, including immunization;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9288, the Act Providing for the Mandatory Infants and Children Immunization Program, specifically mandates full vaccination of children against vaccine-preventable diseases and provides that local government units shall implement immunization programs in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, the Department of Health's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) and the Philippine Childhood Immunization Schedule provide national guidelines and targets for immunization coverage, requiring local monitoring and reporting mechanisms;

WHEREAS, international instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which the Philippines is a signatory, recognize the right of children to the highest attainable standard of health, including preventive care such as vaccination;

WHEREAS, ensuring universal infant and child immunization contributes significantly to reducing morbidity and mortality, strengthens herd immunity, and improves overall community health and well-being;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Municipal Government of Merida to adopt measures, implement monitoring mechanisms, and conduct health advocacy campaigns to ensure that no child is left behind in receiving life-saving immunizations;

-MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 06-
Series of 2026

INTRODUCED / AUTHORED BY:
HON. BRENDA T. ADOLFO

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Merida Mandatory Infant and Child Immunization Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Infant** – a child from birth to 11 months of age.
- Child** – a person aged 1 to 5 years.
- Immunization** – the administration of vaccines to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases as per DOH guidelines.
- Barangay Health Worker (BHW)** – a community health worker assigned in the barangay.
- Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS)** – a volunteer assigned to assist in community nutrition and child health programs.
- Midwife** – a licensed health professional providing maternal and child health services in the barangay.
- Missed Child** – any infant or child who has not received the age-appropriate vaccine according to the immunization schedule.

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8. **Barangay Council Chairperson on Health** – the elected barangay official responsible for overseeing health programs at the barangay level.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE

This Ordinance covers **all infants and children residing in the Municipality of Merida**, including those in private and public health facilities, day care centers, and households.

SECTION 4. MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION

1. All infants and children shall receive age-appropriate vaccines as indicated in the **Philippine Childhood Immunization Schedule**.
2. Parents or guardians are **responsible for ensuring** that their children receive all required vaccines.
3. Health facilities and Barangay Health Stations shall **provide vaccines free of charge** and maintain accurate immunization records.
4. Immunization activities shall be conducted in **accordance with Republic Act No. 9288 and DOH guidelines**, ensuring full compliance with national mandates.

SECTION 5. MONITORING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

1. The **Municipal Health Office (MHO)** shall designate a **Child Immunization Focal Person** responsible for:
 - a. Consolidating barangay immunization reports.
 - b. Tracking missed children and organizing catch-up immunization sessions.
 - c. Coordinating with barangay captains, health workers, midwives, and day care centers.
2. **Barangay Health Workers (BHWs)** shall:
 - a. Conduct house-to-house visits to identify unimmunized children.
 - b. Maintain a **Barangay Immunization Registry**.
 - c. Report monthly to the BHS Midwife assigned on coverage and follow-up actions.
3. The Child Immunization Focal Person consolidates reports from the different Barangay Health Stations
4. The MHO shall submit quarterly reports to the **Local Health Board (LHB)** detailing:
 - a. Immunization coverage rates.
 - b. Number of missed children and corrective measures taken.
 - c. Health outcomes associated with immunization coverage (e.g., reduced disease incidence).
5. All monitoring activities shall comply with RA 7160 (**Local Government Code**) and **DOH administrative orders** regarding immunization reporting.

SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL AND CHAIRPERSON ON HEALTH

1. The **Barangay Council**, through the **Chairperson on Health**, shall provide **close supervision** of the immunization program within the barangay.
2. Responsibilities include:
 - a. Monitoring immunization coverage in coordination with BHS, BNS, and midwives.
 - b. Reviewing monthly immunization reports for accuracy.
 - c. Providing technical guidance and local support for catch-up immunization activities.
 - d. Ensuring that a **copy of the monthly immunization report is submitted to the MHO** with recommendations for improvement.
 - e. Reporting immunization status during **barangay council meetings** to maintain transparency and accountability.

SECTION 7. ENSURING NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND

1. Children who miss scheduled vaccines shall be **prioritized for catch-up immunization**.
2. Special programs shall be implemented for:
 - a. Remote or hard-to-reach barangays.
 - b. Children in indigenous or marginalized communities.
3. Coordination with private clinics, day care centers, and schools shall ensure **timely immunization documentation**.

SECTION 8. IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Mandatory immunization aims to:

1. Prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.
2. Reduce infant and child morbidity and mortality.
3. Strengthen herd immunity to protect vulnerable populations.
4. Improve school readiness and overall community productivity.
5. Promote a culture of preventive healthcare in the municipality.
6. Ensure compliance with **national and international child health mandates**, thereby enhancing community health outcomes.

SECTION 9. HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

The MHO, in coordination with barangay officials, shall:

1. Conduct regular **health education campaigns** on the importance of immunization.
2. Disseminate educational materials to parents, guardians, and communities.
3. Encourage community participation through **parent-teacher associations, civic organizations, and barangay assemblies**.

SECTION 10. INCENTIVES AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Barangays achieving **100% immunization coverage** shall be recognized during municipal events such as Merida Founding Anniversary and the like.

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2. Parents or guardians failing to comply without valid medical reasons shall be:
 - a. Counseled by barangay health workers.
 - b. Issued reminders and follow-up notices.
3. Persistent non-compliance shall be referred to the MHO for **intervention measures**, following DOH and RA 9288 guidelines.

SECTION 11. FUNDING

1. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance, including vaccines, logistics, personnel training, monitoring, awards and recognitions and advocacy, shall be included in the **annual Municipal Health Office budget in the amount of P50,000.**
2. Additional funding may be sourced from **national government grants, local government special funds, and donor agencies**, in compliance with RA 7160 provisions on LGU funding powers.

SECTION 12. RECOGNITION AND INCENTIVES

1. **Recognition for Outstanding Barangay Health Performance:**
 - a. Barangays that achieve **100% full immunization coverage** for all infants and children under their jurisdiction in a calendar year shall be formally recognized by the **Municipal Government of Merida** during municipal celebrations, health weeks, or special assemblies.
 - b. Recognition shall extend to the **Barangay Health Station (BHS), Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS), and Midwives** directly responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring the immunization program.
2. **Forms of Recognition:**
 - i. **Certificate of Excellence** awarded to the BHS, BNS, and Midwives.
 - ii. **Plaques or trophies** for barangays with sustained high coverage.
 - iii. **Monetary or non-monetary incentives** as may be approved in the Municipal Health Office budget.
3. **Public Acknowledgment:**
 - a. The MHO shall include the names of recognized BHSs, BNSs, and Midwives in **official municipal bulletins, local radio, and social media announcements.**
 - b. Recognition serves as **motivation and benchmark** for other barangays to improve immunization coverage.
4. **Sustained Performance:**
 - a. Barangays maintaining **three (3) consecutive years of 100% immunization coverage** shall receive **special commendation** and priority in health program grants and training opportunities.
5. **Monitoring and Validation:**
 - a. The MHO, through the **Child Immunization Focal Person**, shall validate immunization coverage before issuing recognition.
 - b. Coverage verification shall include **barangay immunization registry, reports from midwives and BNS, and random spot checks** to ensure accuracy.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, or provisions inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY

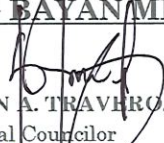
This Ordinance shall take effect **fifteen (15) days after publication** in a local newspaper of general circulation or posting in conspicuous places in the municipality.

ENACTED: 22 APRIL 2026

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS


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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON April 28, 2026.

CONFORME:

Rolando M. Villaseñico
 ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENICO
 Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

~~*Rodrigo M. Wenceslao*~~
~~RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO~~
~~Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer~~

ATTESTED BY:

Josecito T. Delos Angeles
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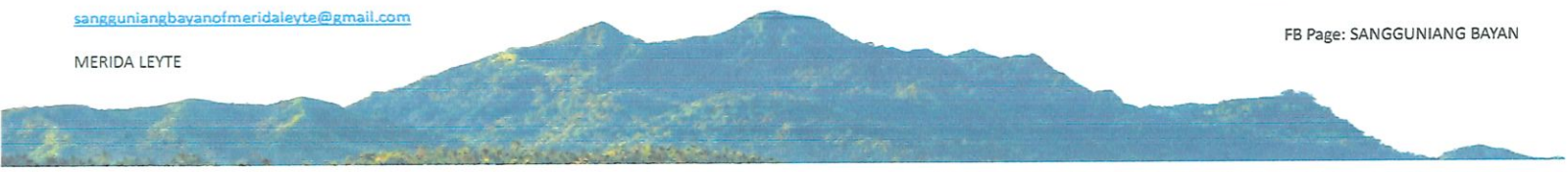
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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08, SERIES OF 2026 – “AN ORDINANCE MANDATING INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH IMMUNIZATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR MONITORING MECHANISMS, ENSURING THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND, AND PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO OUTSTANDING BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BNS, MIDWIVES, AND BARANGAY COUNCIL HEALTH SUPERVISORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from APRIL 29, 2026 TO MAY 20, 2026.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 11th day of JUNE 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan