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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES/JOURNAL OF THE 57TH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE 20TH COUNCIL OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CARIGARA HELD AT
THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CARIGARA, LEYTE, ON AUGUST
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Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-385

**A RESOLUTION FULLY SUPPORTING SANGUNNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
RESOLUTION 2026-990 TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY AND
ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN
VISAYAS DERIVE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE BENEFITS OF
THE REGION'S ENERGY RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, Eastern Visayas is an energy-producing region, hosting various power generation facilities utilizing its abundant renewable energy sources, including the Leyte Geothermal Production Field in Tongonan, the Biliran Geothermal Plant, Sulo Energy's Palo facility, with further energy projects being explored and developed across the Region;

WHEREAS, Kalgaranons and the people of Eastern Visayas continue to bear high electricity costs without proportionally realizing the benefits from energy resources generated within the Region;

WHEREAS, during the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Energy Development Corporation's Proposed Modification of the Tongonan Geothermal Power Plant Project, which covers the Municipalities of Kananga, Carigara, Jaro, and Capoocan, the issue of local energy supply was raised, particularly whether Tongonan supplies the homes and communities of Eastern Visayas, to which the EDC clarified that the electric cooperatives in the Region do not directly procure power from Tongonan;

WHEREAS, First Gen Corporation has reaffirmed its commitment to help meet the growing power demand in Leyte and the rest of Eastern Visayas, expressing its readiness to supply additional reliable and affordable electricity from its geothermal facility in Leyte, citing the need to change the prevailing procurement framework to allow its participation;



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**“A RESOLUTION FULLY SUPPORTING SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN
RESOLUTION 2026-990 TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY...”**

WHEREAS, recognizing this long-standing concern, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte adopted Provincial Resolution No. 990, Series of 2026, urging the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines, and the Office of the President to reconsider amendments to Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the “Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001” (EPIRA), to reflect the long-standing sentiments and interests of the people of Eastern Visayas;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Myla Ligutan Aguilar, duly seconded by the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan, be it

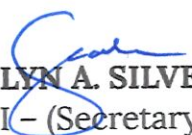
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, Leyte, fully supports Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution 2026-990 to promote affordable electricity and ensure that the constituents and the people of Eastern Visayas derive a fair and equitable share of the benefits from the Region's energy resources;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte for information and favorable action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY this 10th day of August 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Carigara, Leyte

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing excerpt.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH I – (Secretary to the Sanggunian)

Attested:


JIMMY A. CAMPOSANO
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON JULY 28, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-990

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE, AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT (EPIRA), AND TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM THAT WOULD ENABLE THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO DIRECTLY ACCESS AND BENEFIT FROM THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY THE LEYTE GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANTS

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001, was enacted to restructure the electric power industry, promote competition, encourage private sector participation, and ensure the reliable supply of electricity throughout the country;

WHEREAS, despite the objectives of the EPIRA Law, Filipino consumers continue to bear the burden of high and unpredictable electricity rates, adversely affecting households, business, industries, and the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, the Province of Leyte hosts one of the country's largest geothermal energy resources, supplying clean, renewable, and reliable electricity that significantly contributes to the stability of the national power grid and the country's energy security;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Leyte's invaluable contribution to the nation's energy supply, many residents, businesses, and institutions within the Province continue to experience high electricity costs comparable to or even higher than those in areas without power generation facilities;

WHEREAS, it is only just and equitable that the National Government study and consider legislative and policy measures that allow host provinces such as Leyte to directly benefit from the renewable energy resources produced within their territorial jurisdiction through more affordable and reliable electricity supply arrangements, consistent with existing laws, regulatory policies, and the public interest;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to revisit the provisions of the EPIRA Law to determine whether amendments are necessary to strengthen consumer protection, enhance transparency in electricity pricing, improve regulatory oversight, and provide mechanisms that recognize and reward host communities of major energy-producing facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Honorable Wilson S Uy, duly seconded by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, Honorable Ma. Martina L. Gimenez and Honorable MJ Luinly D. Lumen, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to **RESPECTFULLY URGE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 (EPIRA LAW) AND ENACT THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND CONSUMER-RESPONSIVE ELECTRICITY POWER SERVICES.**

RESOLVED FURTHER, TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO STUDY AND PURSUE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY MEASURES THAT WOULD ENABLE THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AS HOST OF ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES, TO DIRECTLY ACCESS OR BENEFIT FROM THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY THE LEYTE GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANTS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PREFERENTIAL SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS, REDUCED GENERATION COSTS, OR OTHER LAWFUL MECHANISMS THAT WOULD REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF LEYTE.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, THAT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN EXPRESSES ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR REFORMS THAT WILL ENSURE THAT HOST COMMUNITIES OF ENERGY-GENERATING FACILITIES RECEIVE EQUITABLE BENEFITS WHILE MAINTAINING THE STABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY.

RESOLVED FINALLY, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FURNISHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:


HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
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