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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 523 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, 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(a)(1)¹ 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 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 **Ordinance No. 523 s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **"An Ordinance adopting the official Municipal Hymn of Babatngon, Leyte, prescribing its use, and providing guidelines for its implementation.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

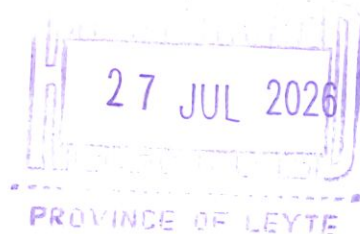


OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

24 July 2026

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

The HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte



Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is **ORDINANCE NO. 523**, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL HYMN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION."** Said Ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 523**
2. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,


ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:
As stated



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF JULY 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL HYMN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

AUTHOR: HON. MA. RESTITA D. DANTE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

Co-Author: All SB Members, ABC President and SK Federation President

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte in session duly assembled:
SECTION 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as the "Babatngon Municipal Hymn Ordinance of 2026".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) empowers Local Government Units (LGUs) to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for their efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

The creation and adoption of an official Municipal Hymn is deemed essential in fostering a sense of pride and patriotism among the constituents of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte;

The Babatngon Tourism Technical Working Group provided invaluable assistance in the consolidation and harmonization of the various submitted lyrics, helping shape them into a unified and meaningful composition that became the Babatngon Hymn, reflecting the Municipality's identity, culture, and pride.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL HYMN.

The Municipality of Babatngon hereby adopts as its Official Municipal Hymn the musical composition entitled:

("An Maranggat nga Bituon ha Norte")

- Lyrics by: Susan P. Agron, Myrna T. Tupaz, Ronelo M. Hidalgo, Rosemarie S. Bobares, and the Tourism Working Group
- Composer: Simeon R. Tambis Jr.
- Performed by: Paolo M. Elabra and FO1 Salve Marie T. Cañete
- Music Arranger/Arrangement: Johndee S. Campo, Mark Anthony A. Golez, Recordere Studio

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SECTION 4. LYRICS.

The following shall be the lyrics of the Municipal Hymn.

"HIMNO HAN BABATNGON"

An Maranggat nga Bituon ha Norte

I

Maranggat ka, Bituon ha Norte,
Nalandaw ha bug-os nga Leyte,
Putos hin karikohan, kabukiran ug kadagatan,
Industriya mahura an kapatagan.

II

Batong, kabuhi han katawhan,
Ngaran mo gintikangan,
Tiklos ngan laya, tigaman han pagkaurusa,
Murayaw nga bungto padayon an pag-ursa.

III

Bundak han Tambula Babatngon madasigon,
Sayaw nga malipayon katawhan mainuswagon,
Ha mga pungtod ikaw pagbayawon,
Dugo namon tim-os nga unong.

Koro:

Babatngon, maranggat ka nga bituon,
Mabaysay maabi-abihon,
Bungto namon nga higugmaon,
Babatngon, ikaw hul-os nam papaurahon.

SECTION 5. OFFICIAL USE OF THE HYMN.

The Babatngon Municipal Hymn shall be sung in the following occasions and events:

- In all Municipal celebrations, ceremonies and events;
- Flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremonies in all government and private offices, schools and other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Babatngon;
- Other events as may be determined by the Municipal Government.
- Public and private establishments who have audio visual facilities such as television, LED walls and other similar facilities for their clients are directed to include the Hymn in such audio visual presentations.



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SECTION 6. PROPER CONDUCT DURING THE HYMN.

All persons present shall stand at attention as a sign of respect, observe proper decorum and shall actively participate in the singing of the Hymn.

SECTION 7. DISSEMINATION.

The Municipality shall:

- Provide recorded copies of the official Hymn to all barangays, schools, private and public offices;
- Ensure that the proper rendition of the Hymn shall be integrated curriculum in the public and private schools; and
- Promote its use through cultural and civic activities.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES.

The following offices and entities shall ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance:

- The Municipal Tourism, Culture and Arts Office;
- The Department of Education (DepEd) through the local schools; and
- The Barangay Local Government Units.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION.

An initial amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 300,000.00) shall be appropriated from the Tourism Fund for the Printing, Audio/Video recordings, and Promotion materials.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITED ACTS. The following are strictly prohibited:

- Alteration of the official lyrics or melody; and
- Disrespectful behaviour during the playing or singing of the Hymn.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES.

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- **First Offense:** Warning;
- **Second Offense:** A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00); and
- **Third Offense:** A fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) or community service.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.



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SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

ENACTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of July 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II

Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

ATTESTED BY:


HON. ROSARY PEARL G. CATUDIO
Municipal Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer


HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWSIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. MA RESTITA D. DANTE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

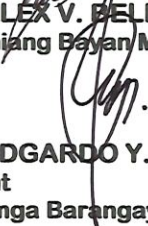

HON. HILARION S. MENZON
Sangguniang Bayan Member

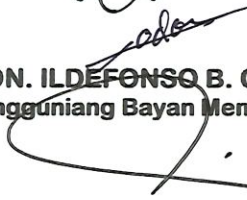

HON. CHONA ROSE B. LUGNASIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ALEX V. BELLO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ILDEFONSO B. ODON
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. EDGARDO Y. MORDEN
President
Liga ng mga Barangay


HON. JUDE LEMWEL B. VETHIMVAS
President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng
Sangguniang Kabataan

APPROVED:


HON. ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN
Municipal Mayor

DATE: 27 JULY 2026



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting 24 July 2026 and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 523 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL HYMN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.**

Made this 24th day of July 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

ALMA A. BALDOMAR
Secretary II
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

