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**2nd INDORSEMENT**
September 16, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26-275 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Sections 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 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 itants 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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**1ST INDORSEMENT**
24 August 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 26-275 of the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance institutionalizing the annual celebration of Women's Month every March in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, appropriating funds therefor, and for other purposes.**

**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

# MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-275

**"An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Annual Celebration of Women's Month Every March in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"**

## BURAUEN, LEYTE

Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

August 14, 2026

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**THE HONORABLE MEMBERS**
**Sangguniang Panlalawigan**
**Province of Leyte**

**ATTENTION: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
**Secretary to the Sanggunian**
**Province of Leyte**
**Palo, Leyte**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We transmit herewith 12 copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 26-275,** Series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled *"An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Annual Celebration of Women's Month Every March in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"*, for review and approval of the body.

Thank you and please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,

**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

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Province of Leyte
Municipality of Burauen
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26-275**
Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH EVERY MARCH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, LEYTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Authored by: Hon. Cheeryl Y. Ducentes*

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the *Magna Carta of Women*, affirms the rights of women and mandates all government instrumentalities, including local government units, to promote women's empowerment, eliminate discrimination, and ensure substantive equality between women and men;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6949 declares March 8 of every year as National Women's Day, while Proclamation No. 227, Series of 1988, provides for the observance of the month of March as Women's Role in History Month, laying the foundation for the annual nationwide observance of National Women's Month;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Commission on Women annually leads the National Women's Month Celebration and encourages local government units to implement gender-responsive programs and activities in support thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Burauen recognizes the invaluable contributions of women in governance, public service, community development, and nation-building, and deems it necessary to institutionalize the annual observance of National Women's Month through programs and activities that promote women's rights, welfare, health, empowerment, and meaningful participation in local governance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the motion duly made and seconded, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, in session assembled:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Burauen Women's Month Celebration Ordinance of 2026.**"

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Burauen to institutionalize the annual observance of National Women's Month every March through sustained gender-responsive programs, activities, and initiatives that uphold women's rights, promote gender equality, recognize women's contributions to nation-building and local governance, foster women's health and well-being, and encourage the meaningful participation of women in all aspects of community development.

**SECTION 3. Institutionalization of Women's Month Celebration.** The Municipality of Burauen shall annually observe National Women's Month every March.

The official Municipal Women's Month Opening Program shall be held on the first Monday of March, with activities continuing throughout the month.

**SECTION 4. Objectives.** The annual observance of National Women's Month shall pursue the following objectives:

a) Promote awareness of women's rights, gender equality, and women's empowerment;
b) Encourage the active participation of women in governance, public service, and community development;
c) Recognize the achievements and invaluable contributions of women in nation-building and local development;
d) Strengthen advocacy against violence against women and children and all forms of gender-based discrimination;
e) Promote women's health, education, livelihood, entrepreneurship, leadership, and overall well-being;
f) Encourage partnerships among government agencies, educational institutions, civil society organizations, people's organizations, and the private sector in advancing gender-responsive development; and
g) Foster a culture of inclusivity, respect, and equal opportunities for women.

**SECTION 5. Implementing Committee.** The Municipal Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System shall serve as the lead implementing body for the annual observance of National Women's Month.
It shall:

a) Prepare the Annual Women's Month Program and Calendar of Activities;
b) Coordinate with all municipal offices, barangays, national government agencies, educational institutions, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders for the effective implementation of this Ordinance;
c) Promote broad participation in all Women's Month activities;
d) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Annual Women's Month Program; and
e) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to effectively implement this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Participation.** All offices of the Municipal Government of Burauen, barangays, national government agencies operating within the municipality, government-owned or controlled corporations, educational institutions, people's organizations, civil society organizations, private sector partners, and other stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in the annual observance of National Women's Month.

**SECTION 7. Funding.** Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the Municipality's approved annual Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and such other available funds of the Municipality, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

**SECTION 8. Annual Women's Month Program.** The Annual Women's Month Program may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

a) Opening Program and Women's Summit;
b) Health and Wellness Activities;
c) Medical and Dental Missions;
d) Livelihood, Financial Literacy, and Entrepreneurship Programs;
e) Legal Rights, Gender Sensitivity, and Capacity-Building Seminars;
f) Leadership Development Programs;
g) Sports, Cultural, Recreational, and Creative Activities;

h) Recognition of Outstanding Women of Burauen;
i) Advocacy campaigns on Violence Against Women and Children and other gender-related concerns;
j) Environmental protection and community outreach activities;
k) Grant of a One (1)-Day Special Women's Rest Day with pay to qualified women employees of the Municipal Government of Burauen, in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance; and
l) Other gender-responsive programs and activities consistent with the objectives of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 9. One-Day Special Women's Rest Day.** As part of the Municipality's observance of National Women's Month, every qualified woman employee of the Municipal Government of Burauen shall be entitled to one (1) Special Women's Rest Day with full pay and without deduction from accrued leave credits, to be availed of at any time during the month of March.

For purposes of this Ordinance, qualified women employees shall include all women personnel of the Municipal Government of Burauen, whether holding permanent, temporary, casual, contractual, coterminous, or job order appointments.

Women personnel of national government agencies assigned or stationed within the Municipality of Burauen may likewise be granted the same benefit, subject to the approval of their respective heads of offices and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

To ensure the continuous and uninterrupted delivery of public services, the availment of the Special Women's Rest Day shall be scheduled on a staggered basis by the respective department heads or office chiefs, taking into consideration the exigencies of the service.

The Special Women's Rest Day shall be non-cumulative, non-convertible to cash, and any unused benefit after the month of March shall be deemed forfeited.

**SECTION 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System, in coordination with the Municipal Human Resource Management Office and other concerned offices, shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 11. Separability Clause.**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. Repealing Clause.**

All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. Effectivity.**

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the publication and posting requirements under the Local Government Code of 1991 and other applicable laws.

**ENACTED,** this 13th day of July 2026, at the Municipality of Burauen.

**HON. BRYAN R. CINCO**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. GEORGE BENSEN S. TAN**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**ATTY. LEO S. APOSTOL**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. CHEERYL Y. DUCENTES**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. HERMENIA C. CAMASIN**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. ANDRES REY L. CAGARA**
*Sangguniang Bayan Member*

**HON. MA. HAZEL E. RELATORRES**
*LnB Municipal Chapter President/*
*Ex-Officio SB Member*

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***I HEREBY CERTIFY*** *that this Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, during its 54th Regular Session held on July 13, 2026.*

**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

**ATTESTED:**

**HON. WARREN V. HERMANO**
*Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer*

**APPROVED:**

**HON. FE S. RENOMERON**
*Municipal Mayor*

*Date:* JUL 20 2026

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

# CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **Municipal Ordinance No. 26-275,** Series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled, ***"An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Annual Celebration of Women's Month Every March in the Municipality of Burauen, Leyte, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes"***, was approved on July 20, 2026, and has been posted in two (2) conspicuous and publicly accessible places of the municipality from *July 22, 2026 to August 1, 2026* in compliance with Section 59, paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

Burauen, Leyte, August 10, 2026.

**ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN**
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*