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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE
CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH
2024.**

Present:

Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District

On Official Business:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 0382
Series of 2024

**JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE TO CONDONE AND/OR
REDUCE REAL PROPERTY TAX AND INTEREST IN THE PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO SECTION
276 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991**

The Initiative of the Province of Negros Occidental thru the efforts of

Authored by: **Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.**
Committee on Laws, Rules and Ordinances

Co-Authored by: **Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado**
Committee on Finance

WHEREAS, the current prolonged dry spell has severely impacted various crops in the entire Province of Negros Occidental, including sugarcane, rice, corn, fruits, vegetables, and livestock;

WHEREAS, the national government has established a Task Force El Niño to oversee, monitor, and implement immediate and long-term actions to mitigate the effects of the prolonged dry spell;

WHEREAS, the Sanggunian Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental has passed a resolution requesting the Governor to initiate cloud seeding using hydroscopic potassium chloride to stimulate rainfall precipitation;



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WHEREAS, this phenomenon, such as the prolonged dry spell or El Niño, historically occurs approximately once every ten years in Region VI, including Negros Occidental, causing significant crop failure, production reduction, or partial damage to existing crops and livestock;

WHEREAS, the severe impact of this prolonged dry spell has placed a considerable burden on farmers, leading to a significant decline in productivity, reduced profitability, and an inability to cover production costs, resulting in further losses;

WHEREAS, Section 276 provides for anticipatory measures in the occurrence of a prolonged dry spell or drought, such as during the El Niño phenomenon, wherein land taxes or real estate taxes may be reduced as determined by authorized offices; to wit:

"Section 276. Condonation or Reduction of Real Property Tax and Interest. - In case of a general failure of crops or substantial decrease in the price of agricultural or agri-based products, or calamity in any province, city or municipality, the sanggunian concerned, by ordinance passed prior to the first (1st) day of January of any year and upon recommendation of the Local Disaster Coordinating Council, may condone or reduce, wholly or partially, the taxes and interest thereon for the succeeding year or years in the city or municipality affected by the calamity."

WHEREAS, it is imperative to pass this ordinance to alleviate the financial burden on farmers in the Province of Negros Occidental, with its provisions to apply to the following year's payment of real estate taxes, minimizing losses;

WHEREAS, the SP Committee on Laws and Committee on Finance favorably endorsed the passing of the same;

NOW THEREFORE, on joint motion of Hons. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. and Rommel T. Debulgado, unanimously seconded by all the members present;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve an ordinance to condone and/or reduce real property tax and interest in the province of Negros Occidental for various purposes, pursuant to Section 276 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

FURTHER RESOLVED, to provide copies of this resolution to the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, as well as the Provincial Agriculture Office, to assess the extent of the impact of the dry spell on agricultural crops, including livestock.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.



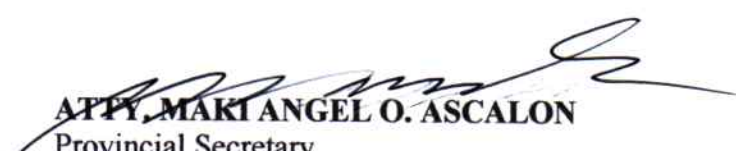
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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. MAYVELYN L. MADRID
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary



