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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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.**

Present:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0493**  
**Series of 2024**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 04-2024 OF THE CITY OF CADIZ, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ADAPTING RA 11862, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLICIES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 9208, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT OF 2023" AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE**

*WHEREAS*, Section 56 of the Local Government Code of 1991 expresses the reviewing power of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on Component City and Municipal Ordinances and Resolutions declaring the Ordinance or Resolution valid if it is consistent with the law or invalid in whole or in part if the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds the Ordinance or Resolution to be beyond the power conferred upon the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan concerned;

*WHEREAS*, Ordinance No. 04-2024 of the City of Cadiz, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADAPTING RA NO. 11862, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLICIES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 9208, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT OF 2023" was submitted for review by the City of Cadiz to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;



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**WHEREAS**, after prompt examination by the Provincial Legal Office, it is the recommendation of the said Office that the subject Ordinance is within the conferred power of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Cadiz to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance is in line with the Local Government Code of 1991 to wit:

*Section 458 (a) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) provides:*

*"The sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code xxx."*

**WHEREAS**, the authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact ordinances, this Office holds the opinion that the ordinance under review appears redundant. Given the existence of Republic Act No. 9208 of the local government unit of Cadiz and its constituents are obligated to adhere to its provisions, rendering the passage of the subject ordinance potentially unnecessary. However, it is understood that the Sanggunian's intention is to ensure full implementation of the aforementioned law within its jurisdiction. Nevertheless, it was observed that while the ordinance in question was crafted to adopt the Act, it lacks customization, resulting in inconsistencies with provisions directly copied from the Act. Therefore, it is suggested that rectifications or refinements be considered. Yet, respecting the autonomy of the Sanggunian, the decision to proceed with such amendments remains within its discretion. Nonetheless, the instant ordinance is deemed valid.

**WHEREAS**, the reviewing authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds no irregularity that follow thereto as a result of the thorough scrutiny of the Provincial Legal Officer;

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present;

**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to declare Ordinance No. 04-2024 of the City of Cadiz, Negros Occidental entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADAPTING RA NO. 11862, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLICIES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 9208, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE"ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT OF 2023" as a valid enacted ordinance;



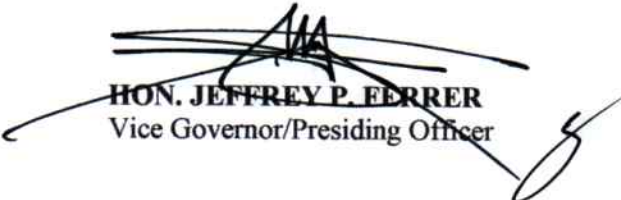
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**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER**  
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
**ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary

