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***EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025***

PRESENT:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor/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. 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. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd 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

**RESOLUTION NO. 0180
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010 OF THE CITY OF
KABANKALAN ADOPTING AND LOCALIZING RA 9433, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL WORKERS," FOR THE CITY OF
KABANKALAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL 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, Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-010 of the City of Kabankalan adopting and localizing RA 9433, otherwise known as the "The Magna Carta for Public Social Workers," for the City of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental was submitted for review by the City of Kabankalan to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

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 Kabankalan to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

WHEREAS, an ordinance is an act passed by the local legislative body in the exercise of its law-making authority, which for the city, is conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod under Section 458(a) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160), which provides:

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"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, among others, the Ordinance contains provisions on the working conditions, compensation and benefits, as well as the rights, protections, and opportunities of social workers in Kabankalan City;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Ordinance finds legal support in Section 17(b) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), which directs cities to exercise powers and discharge functions necessary, appropriate, or incidental to the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities;

WHEREAS, this Office is of the opinion that the spirit of the Ordinance aligns with the policies and objectives of RA 9433, which seeks to promote and improve the social and economic well-being of public social workers, their living and working conditions, and terms of employment;

WHEREAS, this Office recommends that the City of Kabankalan consider incorporating the explicit wording of Section 14 of RA 9433 regarding the retirement benefits of social workers in Section 11 of the Ordinance, to wit:

"SEC. 14. Highest Basic Salary Upon Retirement. - Upon retirement, a public social worker shall automatically be granted an increase of one salary grade higher than his/her basic salary and his/her retirement benefits shall be computed on the basis of his/her highest salary received."

WHEREAS, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental, which are:

- 1. It must not contravene the Constitution or any statute.*
- 2. It must not be unfair or oppressive.*
- 3. It must not be partial or discriminatory.*
- 4. It must not prohibit but may regulate trade.*
- 5. It must be general and consistent with public policy.*
- 6. It must not be unreasonable.*

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, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws, recommends approval of the same;

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

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THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve this resolution to wit:

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ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. VALENTINO MIGUEL J. ALONSO
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary 

Note: The Presiding Officer, Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, relinquished the chair to the Temporary Presiding Officer, Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso.