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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

Present:

Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola
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Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

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Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres

Vice Governor
Member - 4th District

RESOLUTION NO. 0229
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONFER UPON MS. MARIE JUNE P. CASTRO A SPECIAL ABANSE NEGRENSE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY (WEGE) AWARD

WHEREAS, the Provincial Council for Women (PCW) and several of its leaders were among the twenty four (24) recipients of the Abanse Negrense Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Awards for their work in localizing the Magna Carta of Women and advancing the Beijing Platforms for Action in the province;

WHEREAS, the Beijing Platforms for Action, marking its 30th year in 2025, is a global framework for advancing women's rights and gender equality in twelve (12) key areas, including health, education, and women's participation in governance;

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie June P. Castro, the proponent of the WEGE Awards, declined to be an awardee herself despite her pivotal role in promoting the Beijing Platforms for Action and the Magna Carta of Women in the Provincial Government and various local government units;

WHEREAS, Ms. Castro, as a former Board Member, Chair, and current adviser of the PCW, has demonstrated thirty (30) years of dedication to women's empowerment and gender equality, including her work as Program Coordinator of the Development Through Active Women Networking Foundation, Inc., and as a member of the PCW Training Team and Speakers Bureau;

WHEREAS, Ms. Castro's contributions in organizing and delivering trainings, lectures, and advocacy initiatives have made her a key figure in the promotion of gender sensitivity, women's participation, and awareness of the Magna Carta of Women and other gender-related issues across the province;



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NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao, unanimously seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to:

1. The Provincial Government be urged to confer upon Ms. Marie June P. Castro a special Abanse Negrense Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Award (or similar distinction) in recognition of her thirty (30) years of service and leadership;
2. Said award be presented during the Provincial Women's Month Opening Program on March 7, 2025, or on any suitable date as may be determined; 3. The award include gratuities as accorded to the WEGE awardees.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Provincial Governor, the Provincial Council for Women, and other concerned offices for appropriate action.

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