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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 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

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. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC

On Official Business:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice Governor
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member-PCL

RESOLUTION NO. 0425
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING AS A VALID ENACTMENT OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1, SERIES OF 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P443,500,000.00) FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO UTILIZE THE SAID SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET."

*(Sponsored and Authored by the Joint Committee on Laws, Rules, and Ordinances
and the Committee on Budget, Finance, and Appropriation?)*

WHEREAS, Appropriation Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2025, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving Supplemental Budget No. 1, Series of 2025, in the Amount of Four Hundred Forty-Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P443,500,000.00) for the Supplemental Operation of the Municipality of Isabela, Negros Occidental, for Calendar Year 2025, and Further Authorizing the Municipal Mayor to Utilize the Said Supplemental Budget," was submitted by the Municipality of Isabela for review and approval on February 5, 2025;

WHEREAS, after reviewing the financial aspect of the said Ordinance, the Local Finance Committee raised no objections, thereby making it a candidate for the approval of the said Appropriation Ordinance;

WHEREAS, further scrutiny and review revealed that only five (5) affirmative votes were garnered instead of the required six (6), following the principle of the majority of *Qualified Members*;



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WHEREAS, a Qualified Majority is clearly defined under Article 107(g), which states that financial liability or directing payment to any institution must meet the requirement of a majority of the *Qualified Members*. In this case, at least six (6) votes were required. Hence, the Ordinance failed to attain the necessary number of votes;

WHEREAS, recognizing this deficiency, the 37th Sangguniang Panlalawigan disapproved the Ordinance thru Resolution No. 0236, Series of 2025, otherwise known as *"RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2025, OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ENTITLED: 'AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1, SERIES OF 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P443,500,000.00),' FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 53 & 54 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 107(G) OF ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS"*;

WHEREAS, following this disapproval, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Isabela convened again in a session and approved Appropriation Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025, with the same amount as in the previous Ordinance. This time, however, it garnered six (6) affirmative votes, with none objecting or abstaining, after confirming the presence of a *quorum*, including the Presiding Officer;

WHEREAS, a standoff occurred when Councilor Henry Foscablo executed an Affidavit for his inhibition, maintaining that he could not be counted among those who voted affirmatively;

WHEREAS, upholding the principles of fairness, reasonableness, and transparency, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, through its Joint Committee, deliberated on the issue and authored a Resolution No. 0368, series of 2025, otherwise known as *"RESOLUTION HOLDING IN ABEYANCE THE APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AMOUNTING TO FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P443,500,000.00) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA PENDING SUBMISSION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ASCERTAIN FACTS BEFORE TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE 37TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN"*;

WHEREAS, the hearing of the two (2) participating Legislative Groups took place on April 2, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., during the session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

WHEREAS, the Prothesis Group, as well as the Antithesis Group, were given the opportunity to present their sides and argue the merits and demerits of the case, whether Appropriation Ordinance No. 02 must be declared valid in the case of the former and invalid in the case of the latter, after reasonable grounds had been ascertained for reasons of legality and fairness;

WHEREAS, after a thorough deliberation, the Joint Committee of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has finally decided, in its Committee Report, to pass a Resolution declaring as a valid enactment of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, after it surpassed the required number of six (6) affirmative votes, as enshrined in Article 107(g) of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, where a Qualified Majority of the members is required, and explicitly explained under this specific provision;



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NOW, THEREFORE, on joint motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon Jr. and Hon. Rommel Debulgado, unanimously seconded by all the members present during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental,

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolves, to pass and approve this Resolution to wit:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AS A VALID ENACTMENT OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1, SERIES OF 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P443,500,000.00) FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO UTILIZE THE SAID SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET."

FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that as members of a Legislative Body, it is imperative to exercise the right to participate and cast votes either affirmatively or negatively, as abstention weakens the integrity of a deliberative Legislative Body;


FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that Legislative Body members must not be negligent or neglectful in their obligation to participate and vote, as they represent the constituents who elected them. Acquiescence in legislative matters does not define a true statesman and a public servant as well. Participation, discussion, deliberation, and voting are essential obligations of any member of an August Legislative Body;

FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Local Finance Committee and the Provincial Department of the Interior and Local Government (PDILG).

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. MAYVELYN L. MADRID
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

