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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

***EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL  
HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025***

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer  
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. Jeffrey T. Tubola  
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

**Vice Governor/Presiding Officer**

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Member – SKF Rep.

**RESOLUTION NO. 0440  
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-173 OF THE CITY OF  
VICTORIAS AMENDING SECTION 15 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12,  
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL MALIHAW AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING  
VICTORIASANONS AND THE SIDLAK-VICTORIASANON AWARD OF THE YEAR  
AND UPDATING TERMINOLOGY FROM "VICTORIAHANON" TO  
"VICTORIASANON" IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE  
ORDER ON THE OFFICIAL USE OF THE TERM 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. 2025-173 of the City of Victorias amending Section 15 of City Ordinance No. 2023-12, institutionalizing the Annual Malihaw Awards for Outstanding Victoriasanons and the Sidlak-Victoriasanon Award of the Year and updating terminology from "Victoriahanon" to "Victoriasanon" in compliance with the City Mayor's Executive Order on the official use of the term was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

***WHEREAS***, the subject ordinance finds legal support from the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA. 7160), particularly under Section 16 and Section 18;





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**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code, the General Welfare Clause, provides that local government units (LGUs) are empowered to enact policies and programs that promote the welfare of their citizens. This broad mandate allows the Sangguniang Panlungsod to implement ordinances aimed at encouraging community engagement and recognition, such as the creation of the Malihaw Awards and Sidlak-Victoriasanon Award. The ordinance supports these goals by fostering civic pride and encouraging citizens to contribute to various fields.

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of the Local Government Code authorizes LGUs to apply resources to support initiatives that promote the general welfare, including the development of local culture. By institutionalizing these awards, the ordinance contributes to the cultural development of Victorias City and motivates citizens to pursue excellence in different areas, including arts, culture, public service, and more.

**WHEREAS**, the change in terminology from "Victorihanon" to "Victoriasanon" is an action within the discretion of the local executive that reflects the city's commitment to standardizing local identity. This change does not contravene any national laws and is a legally valid effort to reinforce the city's civic pride.

**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,

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-173 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS AMENDING SECTION 15 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL MALIHAW AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING**

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***ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.***

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**HON. RICHARD JULIUS L. SABLAN**  
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. Richard Julius L. Sablan.***