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***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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025***

PRESENT:

Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV

Acting Vice Governor/
Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
Member - 1st District
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Member - 2nd District
Member - 2nd District
Member - 3rd District
Member - 4th District
Member - 4th District
Member - 5th District
Member - 6th District
Member - ABC Rep.
Member - SK Rep.

Hon. Araceli T. Somosa

Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz

Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.

Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon

Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat

Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama

Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo

Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo

Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola

Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid

ON ACTING CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso

Vice Governor

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano

Member - 3rd District

Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao

Member - 5th District

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio

Member - PCL Rep

**RESOLUTION NO. 0913
Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-180 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS
CREATING THE BALIK PAHUWAY CADAVER REPATRIATION PROGRAM OF THE
CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL***

WHEREAS, thereby presented for appropriate action of the Board is Ordinance No. 2025-180 of the City of Victorias creating the Balik Pahuway Cadaver Repatriation Program of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the subject ordinance finds legal support from the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), specifically Section 16 of the said Code which empowers Local Government Units to undertake activities and programs that promote the welfare of their constituents;

WHEREAS, the ordinance is likewise in line with the Constitutional mandate, which provides that: "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;"

WHEREAS, in the interest of social justice and public compassion, City Ordinance No. 2025-180 establishes the "Balik Pahuway Program," which institutionalizes a local mechanism that addresses the lack of accessible and structured assistance for cadaver repatriation. It ensures that the passed-on constituents of the City of Victorias are given an opportunity for a dignified return to their hometown for burial;

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WHEREAS, the City of Victorias strengthens its commitment to compassionate governance and to fostering a culture where no constituent is left unaided in times of loss. While this particular ordinance provides for the deceased, it is likewise a recognition of the living: acknowledging the grief of families, easing their financial burden, and affirming the community's collective responsibility to uphold human dignity from life until death;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Social Welfare, finding the same to be in order, deemed it best to approve the same;


NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Araceli T. Somosa, duly seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-180 of the City of Victorias creating the Balik Pahuway Cadaver Repatriation Program of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. GENARO G. ALVAREZ IV
Acting Vice Governor

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary