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PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
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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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

RESOLUTION NO. 0975
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 25-400 OF THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, DECLARING KAMAGONG (DIOSPYROS BLANCOI), A NATIVE TREE IN THE PHILIPPINES ALSO KNOWN AS MABOLO OR VELVET APPLE, AND GRASS OWL (TYTO LONGIMEMBRIS) AS FLAGSHIP SPECIES OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

WHEREAS, thereby presented for appropriate action of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental is City Ordinance No. 25-400 of the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING KAMAGONG (DIOSPYROS BLANCOI), A NATIVE TREE IN THE PHILIPPINES ALSO KNOWN AS MABOLO OR VELVET APPLE, AND GRASS OWL (TYTO LONGIMEMBRIS) AS A FLAGSHIP SPECIES OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION AREA IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL";

WHEREAS, the ordinance is well within the powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod under Section 458(a)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the declaration of Kamagong as a native tree of conservation significance and the Grass Owl as a flagship species of the local conservation area directly supports the city's mandate to protect the environment and preserve biodiversity within its jurisdiction;



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WHEREAS, the ordinance is consistent with Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, which mandates all government agencies and LGUs to conserve wildlife and their habitats, as well as Republic Act 7586, as amended by RA No. 11038 (Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018), which emphasizes local participation in biodiversity conservation;

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

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano, unanimously seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve City Ordinance No. 25-400 of the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental declaring Kamagong (*Diospyros Blancoi*), a native tree in the Philippines also known as Mabolo or Velvet Apple, and Grass Owl (*Tyto Longimembris*) as flagship species of the Local Conservation Area in the City of Escalante, Negros Occidental.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Vice-Governor

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

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