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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 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT:

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz Member - 1st District Member - 1st District Hon. Araceli T. Somosa Member - 2nd District Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. Member - 2nd District Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon Member - 3rd District Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano Member - 3rd District Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat Member - 4th District Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama Member - 5th District Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao Member - 5th District Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola Member - 6th District Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso

Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio

Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

Vice-Governor

Member - 4th District

Member - PCL Rep.

Member - ABC Rep

RESOLUTION NO. 1098 Series of 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-59, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AS CAR-FREE DAY IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL" BY CHANGING THE DATE TO EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 5:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M., EXPANDING AND DESIGNATING THE CAR-FREE ZONES, CONVERTING SAID ROADS INTO WALKING AND JOGGING LANES TO PROMOTE NOT ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING, BUT ALSO HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PURPOSE THEREFOR 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. 2025-014 of The City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-59, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AS CAR - FREE DAY IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL" BY

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WHEREAS, after prompt examination by the Provincial Legal Office, it is the recommendation of the said Office that the subject Ordinance is within the conferred power of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Victorias to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 2025-014 amends City Ordinance No. 2023-59, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Declaring Every First Monday of the Month as Car-free Day in the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental", which is in line with the spirit of the Philippine Clean Air Act which upholds the State policy to maintain clean air that meets the National Air Quality Guidelines for criteria pollutants, emphasizing the role of local government units in implementing air quality improvement programs;

WHEREAS, the amendment changes the schedule of the car-free days from the First Monday of every month to the First Saturday of Every Month, and converts the car-free zones into walking and jogging lanes to promote not only environmental well-being, but also health and wellness;

WHEREAS, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental under Resolution No. 1206, Series of 2024, which are:

- 1. It must not contravene the Constitution or any statute.
- 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;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present,

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

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ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAKTANGEL O. ASCALO

Provincial Secretary

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. GENARO G. ALYAREZ, IV Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

ATTESTED:

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