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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 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	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. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District

ABSENT:

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
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RESOLUTION NO. 1195
Series of 2025

RESOLUTION APPEALING TO HONORABLE EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON, GOVERNOR, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO ERECT A MONUMENT WITH ENGRAVED NAMES OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED FOR NEGROS ISLAND INDEPENDENCE AGAINST THE SPANISH COLONIAL POWER ON NOVEMBER 5, 1898 UPRISING IN NEGROS

Authored by:

Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Rules, Laws and Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Philippines has been a colony of Spain for more than Three Hundred (300) years;

WHEREAS, the discontentment and dissatisfaction among the Filipinos have triggered a rebel action through tearing of Cedula or the Community Tax Receipt during the “Cry of Balintawak” in 1896 led by Andres Bonifacio somewhere in Caloocan, Greater Manila;

WHEREAS, subsequent pockets of rebellion have emerged in different areas including the Island of Negros where it was led by Hacenderos considered to be an Ilustrado and some were Mestizos to wage an armed struggle against the colonial power of Spain in Negros Island;

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WHEREAS, the much-awaited desire to gain independence through armed struggle on November 5, 1898 when a coordinated attack from a ragtag army composed of natives of Negros using only "Bolos" and other sharpened materials under the leadership of General Aniceto Lacson in the north and General Juan Anacleto Araneta in the south have moved or a frontal attack towards Bacolod City where it ended in surrender of the Spanish Government at the Bacolod Cathedral;

WHEREAS, on that fateful day of November 5, General Juan Anacleto Lacson together with his followers armed with Bolos and a few firearms staged an attack in Silay City but was stalled by Maximiano Correa with ten (10) Cazadores, and seven (7) Filipino Guardia Civil;

WHEREAS, at the same time in the southern part, General Juan Anacleto Araneta have also moved towards Bacolod City together with his armed followers using coconut fronds and fake cannons made of "Amakan" to fool the Spanish Garrison in Bacolod City without significant casualties which prompted the Spanish Government to collapse and sign the Instrument of Surrender;

WHEREAS, it was an act of heroism and bravery for the love of Negros which prompted the forty seven (47) eminent Negrenses, including Aniceto Lacson, Juan Araneta, Simeon Lizares, Antonio L. Jayme, Eusebio Luzuriaga, Nicolas Golez, Agustin Amenabar, Rafael Ramos and Roendo Lacson to formulate the first Negros Constitution (*"Philippine Constitutional History and Constitutions of Modern Nations: With Full Texts of the Constitutions of the Philippines and Other Modern Nations"* by Gregorio F. Zaide, (1970); *Negros Occidental History* by Modesto P. Sa-onoy, Today Printers and Publishers, Bacolod City, 1992; *"Zamboanga: The Greatest Republic in History (Part 10): The Uprising in Negros"* by Zamboanga Today Online, 2005-08-09, Retrieved 2009-10-23; *"Pacete: The Fate of the Federal Republic of Negros"*, Sunstar, 3 November 2016);

WHEREAS, this act of declaring independence is considered to be a significant and remarkable historical achievement that should always remembered;

WHEREAS, history must be remembered in "two folds" where the event must be recorded including the place and the time where it happened as well as the names of those who directly or indirectly participated in the successful struggle for independence;

WHEREAS, after six (6) scores and seven (7) years or one hundred twenty seven (127) years in a usual commemoration of this historical event, it must be fulfilled through erection of a monument engraved with historical facts as well as the names of those who directly and indirectly participated for making November 5 as a very important day in the history of Negros as an independent island until April 20, 1901 when it was annexed to the Philippine Island;

WHEREAS, former President Corazon Aquino have signed the Republic Act No. 6709 on February 10, 1989 declaring November 5 as a Special Non-Working Holiday as well as Resolution No. 08-34, Series of 2008 enjoining all cities and municipalities to celebrate the historic Cinco de Noviembre;

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RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved, that the erection of a monument stating important events as well as names of those who participated will serve as the enrichment of our historical heritage to remember today and forever;

NOW, THEREFORE, for premises considered, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. and unanimously seconded by all the members present during the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, to pass and approve this Resolution, to wit:

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RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this Resolution the City of Bago as well as the City of Talisay where General Araneta and General Lacson respectively originated.

FINALLY, BE RESOLVED, that all Local Government Units in the entire Province of Negros Occidental hereby furnish a copy of this Resolution in support of Resolution No. 08-34, Series of 2008, encouraging all LGUs to enjoin the celebration of Cinco de Noviembre.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


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

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary