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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN

***EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025***

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
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. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS:	
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District

**RESOLUTION NO. 1265
Series of 2025**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-022, OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-154, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE (FSL) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS," TO STRENGTHEN IMPLEMENTATION, EXPAND COVERAGE, AND PROMOTE GREATER INCLUSIVITY FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY

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, City Ordinance No. 2025-022, series of 2025 of City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, amending certain sections of Ordinance No. 2024-154, otherwise known as "The Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Ordinance of the City of Victorias," to strengthen implementation, expand coverage, and promote greater inclusivity for the deaf community was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

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WHEREAS, the subject ordinance is aligned with the provisions of the Local Government Code, specifically, under Section 16 of the Code which provides that:

"Section 16. General Welfare. - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, the subject ordinance seeks to bolster the implementation of RA No. 11106, also known as the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Act, in the City of Victorias and will empower the Deaf Community to actively participate in various policies that affect them;

WHEREAS, it aligns with the principles of inclusivity, equality, and accessibility of services and privileges as outlined in the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and Indigenous People (IP), recommends approval of the same;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan, and duly seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve City Ordinance No. 2025-022, series of 2025 of City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, amending certain sections of Ordinance No. 2024-154, otherwise known as "The Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Ordinance of the City of Victorias," to strengthen implementation, expand coverage, and promote greater inclusivity for the deaf community.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Vice Governor



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ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAK ANGEL O. ASCALON

Provincial Secretary

