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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 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> District
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1266  
Series of 2025**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-016, OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY STI, HIV, AND AIDS COUNCIL (BSHAC) IN EVERY BARANGAY OF VICTORIAS CITY AS THE OFFICIAL BARANGAY ARM OF THE VICTORIAS CITY STI/HIV/AIDS COUNCIL, MANDATING THE ORGANIZATION OF A BARANGAY LGBTQIA+ ORGANIZATION AS A CORE PARTNER OF THE COUNCIL, DESIGNATING THE SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIRPERSON AND THE EXISTING BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER (BHW) FOCAL PERSON FOR STI/HIV/AIDS AS CO-FOCAL PERSONS, INTRODUCING A NUTRITION ENHANCEMENT AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (NESP) FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV, AND PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTION, CARE, SUPPORT AND ELIMINATION OF STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE VICTORIAS CITY STI/HIV/AIDS COUNCIL AND THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE**

**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;

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**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 2025-016, of City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, establishing the Barangay STI, HIV and AIDS Council (BSHAC) in every barangay of Victorias City as the official barangay arm of the Victorias City STI/HIV/AIDS Council, mandating the organization of a Barangay LGBTQIA+ Organization as a core partner of the council, designating the Sangguniang Barangay Committee on Public Health Chairperson and the existing Barangay Health Worker (BHW) Focal Person for STI/HIV/AIDS as Co-focal Persons, introducing a Nutrition Enhancement and Support Program (NESP) for persons living with HIV, and providing a framework for prevention, care, support and the elimination of stigma and discrimination, in close coordination with the Victorias City STI/HIV/AIDS Council and the City Health Office, was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

**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 Constitution mandates that "the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." The enactment of the city ordinance embodies such a mandate by addressing the pressing health challenges in the Philippines on the issue of HIV, STI and AIDS on top of the stigma and discrimination often hindering access to service, support, and care;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a community-based response system at the barangay level is essential to ensure that prevention, education, and assistance reach even the most vulnerable members of society;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Health and Social Welfare, recommends approval of the same;

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





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**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to approve City Ordinance No. 2025-016, of City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, establishing the Barangay STI, HIV and AIDS Council (BSHAC) in every barangay of Victorias City as the official barangay arm of the Victorias City STI/HIV/AIDS Council, mandating the organization of a Barangay LGBTQIA+ Organization as a core partner of the council, designating the Sangguniang Barangay Committee on Public Health Chairperson and the existing Barangay Health Worker (BHW) Focal Person for STI/HIV/AIDS as Co-focal Persons, introducing a Nutrition Enhancement and Support Program (NESP) for persons living with HIV, and providing a framework for prevention, care, support and the elimination of stigma and discrimination, in close coordination with the Victorias City STI/HIV/AIDS Council and the City Health Office.

**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 