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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 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Presiding Officer Pro Tempore
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	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. 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. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

RESOLUTION NO.0045

Series of 2026

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO DESIGNATE A FOCAL PERSON FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPAL OR CITY AGRICULTURIST OFFICES TO ADDRESS AND CATER TO THE NEEDS OF SUGAR PLANTERS, PARTICULARLY AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES, AMIDST THE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THE SUGAR INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Negros Occidental is widely recognized as the Sugar Bowl of the Philippines, with a significant portion of its economy, employment, and rural livelihood dependent on the sugar industry;

WHEREAS, the number of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) duly issued with their Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) engaged in sugarcane farming has steadily increased, bringing with it unique concerns related to farm management, productivity, access to government support, and compliance with agrarian and agricultural policies;

WHEREAS, sugar planters and ARBs are currently facing various challenges, including but not limited to rising production costs, fluctuating sugar prices, climate-related risks, pest infestations, labor shortages, limited access to timely technical assistance, high if not over importation, and low sugar prices;



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WHEREAS, the Municipal and City Agriculturist Offices play a crucial role in delivering agricultural services, technical support, and government interventions to farmers at the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, the designation of a dedicated focal person within each Local Government Units (LGUs) Agriculturist Office who is knowledgeable and responsive to the concerns of sugar planters and ARBs will ensure more efficient coordination, faster response to issues, and better delivery of programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat, unanimously seconded by all members present;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to REQUEST all Local Government Units in the Province of Negros Occidental to designate a focal person from their respective Municipal or City Agriculturist Offices who shall specifically handle, coordinate, and address the needs and concerns of sugar planters and ARBs;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the designated focal person shall serve as the primary link between sugar planters, ARBs, the LGUs, and concerned national and provincial agencies for purposes of technical assistance, program implementation, data gathering, and policy coordination;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, all City and Municipal Mayors of Negros Occidental, the Provincial Agriculturist Office, concerned LGU Agriculturist Offices, Sugar Planters Cooperatives and Associations, and other relevant agencies for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. January 6, 2026, Province of Negros Occidental.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

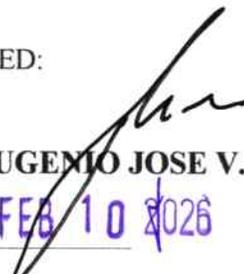
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


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

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Governor
Date: FEB 10 2026