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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 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026*

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	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. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	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. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District

ABSENT (On Leave):

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
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**RESOLUTION NO. 0271**  
 Series of 2026

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN, FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCE, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND THE INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION (IPA) RELATIVE TO THE COLLABORATION OF BOTH PARTIES ON THE PHILIPPINES SOCIOECONOMIC PANEL SURVEY WHICH IS INTENDED TO BRING DATA COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PROVINCE AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FOR ANY RESULTING IMPACT EVALUATIONS FROM IPA AND OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT, GUIDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM NEGROS OCCIDENTAL***

***WHEREAS***, the request from Governor Eugenio Jose “Bong” Lacson, dated February 13, 2026, has been forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerning the Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into by and between the Province of Negros Occidental and Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) relative to the collaboration of both parties on the Philippines Socioeconomic Panel Survey;

***WHEREAS***, the Province of Negros Occidental intends to collaborate with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) on the Philippines Socioeconomic Panel Survey for the conduct of household data collection in the province and the provision of technical expertise for any resulting impact evaluations, including official endorsement, guidance, and introductions to key stakeholders from Negros Occidental;



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**WHEREAS**, the contract is aligned with Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise of the Local Government Code of 1991, especially under the General Welfare Clause, to wit:

*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.*

**NOW THEREFORE**, 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 of Negros Occidental,

**RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, to pass and approve this resolution, to wit:

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**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO**  
 Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. MARIANGEL O. ASCALON**  
 Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:

**HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
 Governor

Date: MAR 11 2026