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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 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY 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. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <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

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0285**  
**Series of 2026**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-032 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ONE TOWN, ONE PRODUCT (OTOP) PHILIPPINES PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, ESTABLISHING THE VICTORIAS CITY OTOP HUB AND LEARNING CENTER, CREATING THE VICTORIAS CITY OTOP COUNCIL, PROVIDING ITS IMPLEMENTATION, STRUCTURE, FUNDING SUPPORT, AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11960, AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE***

***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. 2026-032 of the City of Victorias, Negros Occidental, entitled: "***AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ONE TOWN, ONE PRODUCT (OTOP) PHILIPPINES PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, ESTABLISHING THE VICTORIAS CITY OTOP HUB AND LEARNING CENTER, CREATING THE VICTORIAS CITY OTOP COUNCIL, PROVIDING ITS IMPLEMENTATION, STRUCTURE, FUNDING SUPPORT, AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11960***", was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;



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**WHEREAS**, after prompt examination by the Provincial Legal Office, it is the recommendation of the said Office that the subject Ordinance is within the conferred power of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Victorias to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, the subject ordinance finds legal support from Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991. Furthermore, the City of Victorias recognizes the need to institutionalize its One Town, One Product (OTOP) Program to provide a stable, well-funded, and sustainable support system for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative aligns with Republic Act No. 11960, known as the "OTOP Philippines Act of 2023," which mandates LGUs to establish OTOP Hubs to develop culture-rooted products and strengthen local economic strategies;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance establishes the Victorias City OTOP Hub and Learning Center, to be located at the Victorias City Café, to serve as an official venue for product showcasing, MSME training, and innovation assistance. To ensure proper governance, the ordinance creates the Victorias City OTOP Council (VCOC), chaired by the Local Chief Executive, to act as the policy-making and oversight body for all OTOP-related initiatives. The Hub shall collaborate with national agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), TESDA, and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) to ensure alignment with national standards, including the administration of the OTOP Philippines Trustmark as a seal of quality and market readiness;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental under Resolution No. 1206, which are:

1. *It must not contravene the Constitution or any statute.*
2. *It must not be unfair or oppressive.*
3. *It must not be partial or discriminatory.*
4. *It must not prohibit but may regulate trade.*
5. *It must be general and consistent with public policy.*
6. *It must not be unreasonable.*

**WHEREAS**, the reviewing authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds no irregularity that follow thereto as a result of the thorough scrutiny of the Provincial Legal Officer;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present,

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

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**FRAMEWORK PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11960, AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE.**

***ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.***

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

*CERTIFIED CORRECT:*

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**HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO**  
Vice Governor

*ATTESTED:*

**ATTY. MARI ANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary.

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