



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
 Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
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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 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

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. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV	Member - 6 th District

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 0287
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-030 OF THE CITY OF VICTORIAS ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DISTRESSED AND DISPLACED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) REPATRIATED WITHIN THE YEAR AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR 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. 2026-030 of the City of Victorias Establishing a Financial Assistance Program for Distressed and Displaced Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) repatriated within the year and providing funds therefor was submitted for review by the City of Victorias to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental;

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;

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WHEREAS, this ordinance addresses the urgent needs of distressed and displaced Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) repatriated within the year due to abuse, contract violations, or employer closure. It provides a one-time financial assistance package of P10,000.00 to assist in their reintegration into local communities. This is consistent with the Local Government Code's empowerment of LGUs to enact measures for social protection and the constitutional mandate to protect the rights and welfare of overseas workers;

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, in view of the foregoing, the SP Committee on Laws, recommends approval of the same;

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

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to 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

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary