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*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 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY MARCH 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. 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. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez, IV	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SKF Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0316**  
**Series of 2026**

***RESOLUTION DECLARING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-003 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANDONI, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES, AND DIGITAL SIGNATURES IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CANDONI, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE***

**WHEREAS**, Section 56 of the Local Government Code of 1991 expresses the reviewing power of the Sangguniang Bayan 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**, Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-003 of the Municipality of Candoni, entitled: “INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES, AND DIGITAL SIGNATURES IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CANDONI, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR”, was submitted for review by the Municipality of Candoni 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



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Sangguniang Bayan of Candoni to enact, thus, the same may be given due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-003 of Candoni is found to conform with the applicable provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Local Government Code of 1991;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 the Local Government Code of 1991 states:

*"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 is 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**, this ordinance is in consonance with Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 2021-006, which prescribes guidelines on the use of electronic documents and signatures to promote efficiency and transparency in government transactions. By transitioning from paper to electronic records, the Municipality of Candoni ensures that its records remain protected, accessible, and legally binding;

**WHEREAS**, the said ordinance was enacted within the scope of the municipality's authority under the Local Government Code of 1991.

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance complies with the six (6) generally accepted principles for a valid ordinance, as adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental, 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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GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AS A VALID ENACTED ORDINANCE.**

**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

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