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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 117th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIAN
PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA
ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1 st District) & Floor Leader
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 st District)
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RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA	Member (3 rd District)
CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 th District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 th District)
FAUSTINO U. DY IV	Member (5 th District)
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 th District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 th District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 th District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-03

Series of 2022

A RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO PERSONS UNVACCINATED FOR COVID-19 IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS

Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic brought about an unprecedented health, social, and economic crisis which claimed countless of lives and caused a mass loss of livelihood and employment;

WHEREAS, to contain the spread of COVID-19, the National Government directed Local Government Units to impose measures aimed at limiting the movement of their people and their access to establishments and services that are deemed *unnecessary*;

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, was observed to have been undergoing rapid mutations. To date, a more infectious variant thereof dubbed

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as “Omicron” is causing an exponential increase in COVID-19 cases in the country. This burdens the health sector and fills up their facilities which constrains the government to channel its resources towards activities and programs for the containment of COVID-19. This also affects the people’s access to vital healthcare and medical services as health professionals tend to COVID-19 patients;

WHEREAS, due to the alarming upsurge of COVID-19 cases, the Department of Interior and Local Government issued a Memorandum dated January 20, 2022 urging all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Heads and Members of Local Sanggunians to enact ordinances ***Requiring Covid-19 Vaccination for Eligible Population and other High-Risk Groups***;

WHEREAS, under such Memorandum, the DILG encouraged LGUs to pass a local ordinance that shall make COVID-19 vaccines a pre-requisite for the availment of certain government services;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body recognizes that there exists a substantial distinction between those vaccinated for COVID-19 and those who are not with regard to vulnerability to COVID-19 and proneness to develop COVID-19 symptoms such as coughing and sneezing. This Honorable Body also recognizes that the development of such symptoms facilitates the transmission of COVID-19 from one person to another which serve as triggers for viral outbreaks;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body agrees with the DILG with regard to its determination that there is a need to regulate the availment of certain government services by those unvaccinated for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, made a similar pronouncement when he issued Executive Order No. 01, series of 2022 ***Urging all Private and Public Establishments Allowed to Operate Under Alert Level System 2 in the Province of Isabela to Strictly Enforce the “No Vaccine, No Entry” Policy in their Respective Premises as Preparation to the Possible Entry of the Omicron Variant***;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body urges LGUs to reinforce their measures in limiting the travel activity and viral transmission risks of those unvaccinated for COVID-19 by adopting a policy that will regulate the access of non-fully vaccinated individuals to government premises and their participation to government-conducted activities;

WHEREAS, while this Honorable Body acknowledges the cultural, religious, and other personal considerations that affect the people’s decision to vaccinate, it, however, along with other LGUs, have the legal and moral obligation to protect the health and safety of the Isabeleños and ensure that their general welfare is prioritized and constantly promoted;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body implores the support and cooperation of all LGUs in the Province of Isabela in our endeavor to safeguard those unvaccinated for COVID-19 from contracting SARS-Cov-2, or its variants, by limiting their access to government premises and government-held activities. However, it acknowledges that

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considerations may be made by allowing such access be made through a duly authorized representative that is fully vaccinated.

WHEREAS, nothing in this Ordinance must be construed as authorizing the refusal or denial of medical service to individuals unvaccinated for COVID-19. However, the extension thereof is left to the discretion of the concerned health authorities with due consideration on the health condition of the patient and the need or urgency to provide medical service.

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body reminds the Sanggunian officials of their mandate under Section 458 par. (a)(1)(iv) and Section 447 par. (a)(1)(iv) of the Local Government Code empowering Sangguniang Bayans and Sangguniang Panlungsods to adopt measures to protect their people from the harmful effects of natural disasters and calamities;

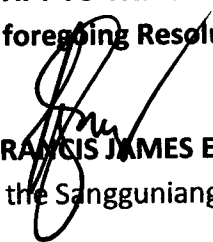
WHEREFORE, upon motion of Honorable Emmanuel Joselito B. Añes, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO PERSONS UNVACCINATED FOR COVID-19 IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, and DILG Isabela Director, Engr. Corazon D. Toribio, for their information; and all Mayors and Vice Mayors in the Province of Isabela for their guidance and further action.

Approved and Adopted, February 8, 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED/ APPROVED:


FAUSTINO G. DY III
Provincial Vice Governor & Presiding Officer