



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 64th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice-Governor & Presiding Officer
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ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2nd District)
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-41-02
SERIES OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE POSITION "SECTORAL SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBER (INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE)" UNDER THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MANDATORY REPRESENTATIVE"

Sponsor: HON. EDWARD S. ISIDRO
Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Appropriations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Isabela boasts a diverse cultural heritage enriched by the presence of indigenous communities. The indigenous peoples (IPs) have been stewards of our land for generations, contributing significantly to the preservation of the province's social and cultural identity. In light of their invaluable role in our society, this proposed local ordinance seeks to reinforce our commitment to recognizing, respecting, and safeguarding the rights and cultural heritage of the indigenous peoples within our jurisdiction.

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

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The Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) has provided its IPs with strong and reliable representation in its local policy-making and program-implementing bodies, especially through their IP Sector Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Accordingly, in line with the PGI's commitment to further empower and strengthen its IPs, it has acknowledged the need to elevate the status of the IP Sectoral Representative to that of an IP Mandatory Representative.

Consistent with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8371, or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA), this ordinance elevates the status of the "Indigenous People's Sectoral Representative" to "Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative." This change is not merely a semantic distinction but a critical step toward further empowering our indigenous communities and ensuring their voices are better heard and acknowledged in the province's policy-making processes.

To set the stage for such elevation of status, the PGI partnered with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples to host the IP General Assembly on July 28, 2023, and the IP Mandatory Representative Selection event on October 13, 2023. These events were supervised by the NCIP and attended by various leaders and members of local indigenous groups for the selection of the IP Mandatory Representative.

The duly conducted IP Mandatory Representative Selection resulted in the selection of the Honorable Margarete U. Chin, the incumbent IP Sector Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as the IP Mandatory Representative. Such selection was duly recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples which issued a Certificate of Affirmation recognizing the Honorable Margarete U. Chin as the IP Mandatory Representative to represent the IPs and ICCs at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Isabela. This recognition further establishes the need for the renaming of the Indigenous Cultural Communities Sectoral Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan position to reflect the affirmation made by the NCIP and sentiments of our indigenous peoples.

By approving this ordinance, the PGI expresses its clear commitment to inclusivity, cultural diversity, and the protection of indigenous rights. It reaffirms the province's determination to foster unity, celebrate diversity, and preserve the invaluable cultural heritage of its indigenous peoples.

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Section 1. Coverage. This Ordinance shall cover pertinent portions of Ordinance No. 2022-047-01 which approved the Annual Budget of the Provincial Government of Isabela for Fiscal Year 2023.

Section 2. Amendatory Clause. The name of the position "Sectoral Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member (Indigenous Cultural Communities Sectoral Representative) under plantilla item no. 21.18 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is hereby amended to "Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative".

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Section 3. Annual Budget Integration. The renaming of position resulting from this ordinance shall be duly incorporated into the current and all ensuing Annual Budgets of the Provincial Government of Isabela.

Section 4. Non-Modification of Qualifications, Functions, and Benefits. The herein amendment of nomenclature shall not result in the increase, reduction, or any other form of modification in the qualifications, functions, duties, salary grade, and other benefits provided by law under such position.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All local ordinances and legislations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

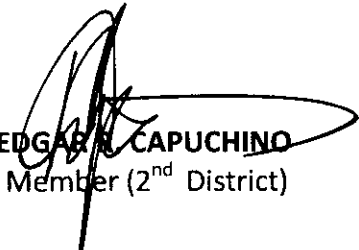
I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 64th Regular Session on November 21, 2023.



ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
 Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

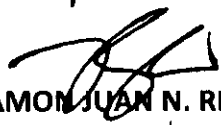
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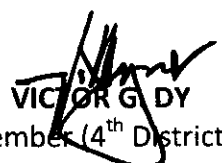
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APPROVED:


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