



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32 - 2019**

### **CREATING AND ORGANIZING THE ISABELA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality of women and men before the law;

**WHEREAS**, it is the general principle and policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) to promote women's empowerment, gender equality, women's human rights and gender-responsive development, as indispensable social intervention in the task of building a progressive yet peaceful and harmonious community.

**WHEREAS**, the PGI recognizes that women's rights are human rights, and women are full and equal partners of men in all aspects of life, and promoting, protecting, and fulfilling women's rights, as well as having a rights-based and gender-responsive local development, are responsibilities of the government and obligations of the State as a signatory to international agreements for the protection of women;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with policy, women's empowerment and gender equality must be pursued in all aspects of local governance to ensure that women and men equally contribute to and benefit from development;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular 2006-125, there is a need to create a body that will take the lead in enforcing the concept of women empowerment as an advocacy for the attainment of social justice, poverty alleviation of marginalized women, lasting peace, human rights protection, inclusive growth, political neutrality, and LGU autonomy, transparency, and accountability, and as a responsibility of all the offices in the PGI, its active partners in the government, Civil Society and the private sector;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

**Section 1. Creation.** The Isabela Provincial Council of Women (IPCW) is hereby created and organized.

**Section 2. Composition.** In accordance with DILG MC 2006-125, the Isabela Provincial Council of Women shall be composed of the Chairpersons of the Local Council of Women in the cities and municipalities in Isabela, who shall elect from among themselves, a Chairperson and the corresponding officers required.

Until such time as the PCW has elected its Chairperson, the Hon. Venus Bautista, Women's Sectoral Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, is hereby appointed *Interim Chairman*.

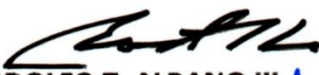
**Section 3. Functions.** As provided for in DILG MC 2006-125, the Provincial Council of Women is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- 1) Coordinate and consolidate efforts of the municipal/city councils of women concerning Women agenda;
- 2) Work for the integration of the women agenda and sustain the mainstreaming of women empowerment, including women's economic empowerment, gender and development (GAD) and gender equality, in all provincial development plans, projects, activities, and services of the PGI;
- 3) Conduct meetings as the need arises;
- 4) Provide advisory support to policy-making for and in relation to women and development;
- 5) Review all Orders, Ordinances, and policies on or about women and submit recommendation for possible amendments and other considerations;
- 7) Serve as the Lead Advocate in the elimination of gender biases, discriminations, and inequalities in all policies, systems, procedures within the province of Isabela, and sustain constant awareness and vigilance within the LGU, in addressing existing and emerging gender and women issues and concerns;
- 6) Recommend to the Office of the Governor any action to facilitate and ensure the effective implementation of this Order;
- 7) Perform other functions as may be necessary in the implementation of this Order.

**Section 4. Funding.** Funding for the operations of the Isabela Provincial Council of Women shall be sourced from funds of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 5. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the Province of Isabela, this 9th day of September 2019.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 