



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON OCTOBER 15, 2019.

PRESENT:

EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 th District) & Presiding Officer Protempore
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1 st District) & Floor Leader
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 st District)
ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2 nd District)
EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO	Member (2 nd District)
RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.	Member (3 rd District)
RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA	Member (3 rd District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 th District)
CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 th District)
FAUSTINO U. DY IV	Member (5 th District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 th District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 th District)
VENUS T. BAUTISTA	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL 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
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Provincial Vice Governor
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution pursuant to the mandate of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) provides that the State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of Indigenous People (IP) and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions. It shall consider these rights in the formulation of national plans and policies;

WHEREAS, to carry out the aforementioned policies Republic Act No. 8371 known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA Law) provides that ICCs/IPs have the right to develop their own indigenous political structures and be recognized on their right for the preservation and observance of their cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 1906, Series of 2009, as amended by Proclamation No. 1906-A, Series of 2009, has declared the month of October as the National Indigenous People's (IP) Month to revel the cultural wealth and heritage bestowed upon Filipinos;

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' (IP) MONTH FOR THE PROMOTION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DIGNITY ROOTED IN HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, EVERY MONTH OF OCTOBER IN LINE WITH THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH, IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, to strengthen the mandate of the aforementioned provisions, the Province of Isabela has called for a province-wide annual observance of the month of October, as a "National Indigenous Peoples' Month" in the province;

WHEREAS, The Provincial Government of Isabela ventures to motivate all employees, policy makers, and the people as a whole within its territorial jurisdiction to commemorate the historic-significant mantle of indigenous people's sector partaking the promotion of our cultural heritage thereby raising cultural awareness and sensitivity to further nourish cultural life-long development to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights, culture and traditions of the ICCs/lps by institutionalizing IP Month celebration every month of October, of every year, and appropriating funds for the purpose, among others;

**ORDINANCE NO. 17
SERIES OF 2019**

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Sponsor: Committee of Indigenous People

Chairperson:	HON. GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ
Vice Chairperson:	HON. ALFREDO V. ALILI
Members:	HON. RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA
	HON. EDWARD S. ISIDRO
	HON. CLIFFORD R. RASPADO

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Isabela in session assembled that:

Section I. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as ***"AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA EVERY MONTH OF OCTOBER"***;

Section II. STATUTORY BASIS – This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, 1987 Philippine Constitution, and Republic Act No. 8371, particularly:

a. UNDRIP Article 8, paragraph 2 thereof which reads:

"States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for: (a) Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities";

b. Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 22 thereof which reads:

"The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development";

c. Philippine Constitution, Article XIV, Section 17 thereof which reads:

"The State shall recognize, respect, and protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions";

d. Republic Act No. 8371 Section 29 thereof which reads:

"Protection of Indigenous Culture, Traditions and Institutions."

Section III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs)** – provided under RA 8371, this refers to a group of people or homogenous societies identified by self-ascription and ascription by others, who have continuously lived as organized community on communally bounded and defined territory, and who have, under claims of ownership, since time immemorial, occupied, possessed and utilized such territories, sharing common bonds of language, customs, traditions and other distinctive cultural traits, or who have, through resistance to political, social and cultural inroads of colonization, non-indigenous religions and cultures, become historically differentiated from the majority of Filipinos. ICCs/IPs shall likewise include peoples who are regarded as indigenous on account of their descent from the populations which inhabited the country at the time of conquest or colonization, or at the time of inroads of non-indigenous religions and cultures, or the establishment of present state boundaries, who retain some or all of their own social, economic, cultural and political institutions, but who may have been displaced from their traditional domains or who may have resettled outside their ancestral domains. It also refers to, such as, but not limited to, Ibanag, Yogad, Gaddang, Ayangan, kankanaey, ibaloi, Itawes, Agta, kalinga, itneg, isneg and Dumagat tribes of this province;
- b. **Culture** – A way of life of a group of people, the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next;
- c. **Tradition** – An inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom);
- d. **Cultural Heritage**- the legacy of physical artifacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations.

Section IV. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES -The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the mandate of the Indigenous Peoples' Month in the Province of Isabela and to appropriate funds for the purpose of attaining the foregoing objectives:

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a. To motivate all employees, policy makers, and the people as a whole within its territorial jurisdiction to commemorate the historic-significant mantle of indigenous people's sector partaking the promotion of our cultural heritage thereby raising cultural awareness and sensitivity to further nourish cultural life-long development to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights, culture and traditions of the ICCs/IPs;

b. To ensure the fulfillment of the ICCs/IPs' right to full participation in social and cultural life of the state in accordance with the mandate of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP); and

c. To enhance the state's recognition, respect, and protection on the rights of ICCs/IPs to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions provided in the Philippine Constitution and Republic Act. No. 8371.

Section V. COVERAGE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. This ordinance shall cover all components of local government units, other sectors and all ICCs/IPs residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Isabela; and
2. The Provincial Government of Isabela, all Local Government Units within its political jurisdiction, the National Commission of Indigenous People, the Department of Education and all State Colleges and Universities shall ensure the implementation and observance of this ordinance in any day within the Month of October.

Section VI. APPROPRIATION - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the Annual budget of the Province of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section VII. AMMENDATORY CLAUSE -The provisions of previous local enactments, resolutions, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section VIII. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE - The provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP), 1987 Philippine Constitution, otherwise known as The Constitutional Law of the Philippines, and RA 8371, otherwise known as The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997, and Presidential Proclamation No. 1906, Series of 2009, as amended by Proclamation No. 1906-A, Series of 2009, including its implementing Rules and Regulations, insofar as applicable, shall be considered supplementary to this Ordinance.

Section IX. RULES AND REGULATIONS –The Provincial Tourism Office and Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office shall promulgate rules and regulations of this Ordinance, in consultation with the Committee on Indigenous People of the SangguninangPanlalawigan of the Province of Isabela, for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

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Section X. SEPARATION CLAUSE -The declaration, unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect other provisions not affected thereby.

Section XI. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE -*This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its full publication in any newspaper or publication of general circulation within the Province of Isabela.*

APPROVED AND ENACTED. October 15, 2019.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Ordinance:**



ATTY. MARICEL R. EVANGELISTA, CPA
Secretary Protempore, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:



EDWARD S. ISIDRO
Board Member 5th District &
Presiding Officer Protempore

APPROVED:



RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Provincial Governor