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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 121<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON MARCH 04, 2025.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1st District) & Floor Leader
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1st District)
ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2nd District)
EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO	Member (2nd District)
MARY GRACE D. ARREOLA	Member (3rd District)
RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.	Member (3rd District)
CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4th District)
VICTOR G. DY	Member (4th District)
MANUEL FAUSTINO U. DY	Member (5th District)
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5th District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6th District)
AMADOR A. GAFFUD, JR.	Member (6th District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
CATHERINE JOY L. LEGASPI	Member, SK Federation President

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MARIA KATRINA JESSICA G. DY	Member, LnB Federation President
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08-02**

Series of 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, TO ENTER INTO A CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA, WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF DIVILACAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 2 (DENR-RO2), THE MABUWAYA FOUNDATION, INC., AND THE DIVILACAN STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE “LANAI MARINE TURTLE SANCTUARY AND HATCHERY”**

**Sponsor: HON. MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS**

Committee on Natural Resources Environmental Protection

**WHEREAS**, under Section 468 (a) (vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has the power to protect the environment and impose penalties for acts that endanger it, including activities that result in ecological imbalance;

**WHEREAS**, in line with this policy, the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) is committed to promoting sustainable environmental practices, conserving marine biodiversity, and ensuring the protection of critical marine habitats within the province;

**Nagkaisa para sa Isabela**

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**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Divilacan, Isabela has proactively enacted an ordinance declaring Sitio Lanai of Barangay Bicobian and Sitio Makingaden of Barangay Dimasalansan, spanning approximately six (6) kilometers, as a Marine Turtle Nesting Sanctuary, demonstrating its commitment to environmental protection and conservation;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Isabela, particularly its coastal areas, serves as an important nesting ground for various species of marine turtles, which are classified as either endangered or critically endangered under international and national conservation lists;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the sanctuary and hatchery aims to protect marine turtles from habitat destruction, illegal poaching, and other environmental threats while fostering community participation and environmental awareness among local stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Divilacan, in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Regional Office No. 2 (DENR-RO2), the Mabuwaya Foundation, Inc., and the Divilacan Student Advocates for Forest and Environmental Resiliency, has identified the need to establish and manage the “Lanai Marine Turtle Sanctuary and Hatchery” as a vital initiative for the preservation of marine turtle populations and the enhancement of local biodiversity;

**WHEREAS**, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP), through Resolution No. 52, series of 2022, endorsed and adopted the Lanai Marine Turtle Nesting Sanctuary and Hatchery at Sitio Lanai, Bicobian, Divilacan, Isabela, recognizing its ecological significance;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela recognizes the importance of collaborative environmental initiatives and is committed to supporting projects that contribute to biodiversity conservation, environmental education, and sustainable ecotourism, ensuring both ecological protection and community engagement;

**WHEREAS**, a Co-Management Agreement among the PGI, the LGU of Divilacan, the DENR-RO2, the Mabuwaya Foundation, Inc., and the Divilacan Student Advocates for Forest and Environmental Resiliency is necessary for the proper implementation of the project;

**WHEREAS**, this agreement fosters a holistic and inclusive approach to marine turtle conservation by strengthening environmental education programs, promoting sustainable ecotourism, and encouraging collaboration among government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local advocacy groups, thereby benefiting both marine biodiversity and local communities;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 465 (b) (vi) of R. A. No. 7160, the Governor is empowered to represent the Province in all its transactions and sign on its behalf all contracts and such other documents upon the issuance of an authority by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

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**WHEREAS**, this Body deems it beneficial and advantageous for the Province to grant the Provincial Governor the necessary authority to sign the Co-Management Agreement on behalf of the Provincial Government of Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, premises considered, upon motion of Honorable Clifford R. Raspado, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, TO ENTER INTO A CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA, WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF DIVILACAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 2 (DENR-RO2), THE MABUWAYA FOUNDATION, INC., AND THE DIVILACAN STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE “LANAI MARINE TURTLE SANCTUARY AND HATCHERY”.**

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Governor, Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III, for his guidance and consideration.

**Approved and Adopted, March 04, 2025.**

**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**  
Vice Governor & Presiding Officer