

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL  
ON OCTOBER 08, 2019

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Roiland H. Villasencio,	SP Member, 1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Jasper M. Lucero,	SP Member
Peter M. Rodriguez,	SP Member
Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,	SP Member
Esteban V. Laurente,	Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Nolito M. Quilang,	(O.B. - Quezon City), SP Member, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Lalaine A. Marcos,	(O.B. - Quezon City), SP Member
Jasper C. Yerro,	(O.B. - Quezon City), Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an urgent Indorsement letter from the City Mayor's Office dated September 30, 2019, respectfully requesting for a resolution/ordinance adopting the Ormoc Hymn entitled "Ormoc, Dutang Matahum (Ormoc, Beautiful Land)" as the Official City Hymn of Ormoc;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act no. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to ensure and support among other purposes, the presentation and enrichment of culture;

WHEREAS, it is the thrust of the Local Government of Ormoc is to inculcate among its people the sense of self-esteem and pride of being a resident of Ormoc, City of Beautiful People. The crafting of the Ormoc hymn and integrating thereto our history and culture will indeed instill onto the hearts and minds of every Ormocanons the love, loyalty and patriotism for one's own home province, and the protection of and preservation of the environment;

WHEREAS, anent to its being a public corporation under Section 22 of the Local Government Code, and LGU can adopt a local hymn to become its resounding symbol of unity and identity;

WHEREAS, the Ormoc City Culture and Arts Council on September 6, 2019 issued a Resolution No. 2019-03 endorsing the "Ormoc, Dutang Matahum (Ormoc Beautiful Land)" for adoption;

WHEREAS, this Sanggunian sees the merit of the request since the following lyrics of the song "Ormoc, Dutang Matahum (Ormoc, Beautiful Land)" embodies the city's rich culture and history and the inherent beauty of the land and its people;



WHEREFORE, FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on MASS MOTION of the Body: be it

**ORDINANCE NO. 005  
(Series of 2019)**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING "ORMOC, DUTANG  
MATAHUM (ORMOC BEAUTIFUL LAND)" AS THE  
OFFICIAL CITY HYMN OF THE CITY OF ORMOC.**

**SECTION 1. TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known as AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING "ORMOC, DUTANG MATAHUM (ORMOC BEAUTIFUL LAND)" AS THE OFFICIAL CITY HYMN OF THE CITY OF ORMOC.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSES:**

- a. To promote and preserve the rich history, culture and traditions of the City of Ormoc and its people through the Ormoc Hymn;
- b. To have an official hymn that will provide a unique sense of identity for the city, distinct from other local government units;
- c. To provide a sense of belongingness, pride, goals and dreams of its inhabitants;

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY-** The Local Government of Ormoc recognize the importance of preserving and promoting the history, culture and traditions of Ormocanons and its people as a vital component in its existence. Reverence and respect shall at all times be accorded the Ormoc hymn which embodies the ideals and traditions of the City of Ormoc that shall be inculcated in the hearts and minds of every Ormocanons.

**SECTION 4. OFFICIAL LYRICS.** The Ormoc Hymn "ORMOC, DUTANG MATAHUM (ORMOC BEAUTIFUL LAND)" shall always be sung in Bisaya followed by its English Version to which it was composed:

**ORMOC DUTANG MATAHUM (ORMOC, BEAUTIFUL  
LAND)**

**WORDS & amp; MUSIC: MANNY PANTA  
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**(VISAYAN)**

**AWITON TA ANG BUG -OS NGA GUGMA  
NIINING ORMOC NGA ATONG DAKBAYAN  
DAGAT OG LASANG  
DUTA'G KASAP-AN  
NAGHATAG KABUHI-AN  
KATILINGBANG ORMOCANON ANG  
MAG AMOMA SA TANAN  
LUNGSOD NATO MAHALON UG ATONG AMPINGAN.  
DAYON PAG USWAG KANATONG TANAN  
GRASYA'S GINOO KANATO NAGMAHAL!**



**SA TANAN NGA MGA PAGSUWAY  
MAGPABILIN ANG KUSOG!  
MATAHUM ANG LUMULUPYO  
NING ORMOC SIYUDAD NATO!  
NING ORMOC SIYUDAD NATO!**

**(ENGLISH)**

**ORMOC CITY WE BELONG TO YOU  
LET YOUR GOODNESS EVER SHINE!  
LET OUR HEARTS REJOICE IN YOUR SEA AND SKIES  
IN YOUR MOUNTAINS, STREAMS AND PLAINS!  
ON THE ROAD TO HISTORY WITH YOU  
ALL YOUR VIRTUES WE PROCLAIM.  
ORMOC CITY, WE DEFEND YOUR HONOR AND YOUR NAME  
ONWARD WITH PROGRESS!  
ONWARD WITH LOVE!  
STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY UNDER GOD ABOVE!  
THROUGH THE TRIALS OF THIS CHANGING WORLD  
LET OUR HEARTS STAY FIRM AND TRUE.  
BEAUTIFUL CITY OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE  
ORMOC CITY WE LOVE YOU!  
ORMOC CITY WE LOVE YOU!**

**SECTION 5. SINGING OF THE ORMOC HYMN-** the HYMN shall be played or sung in a lively, joyful, respectful and sincere manner by all Ormocanons and others present during the following occasions/events:

- a. For schools
  - i. Public Schools-during all flag raising ceremonies and other school programs immediately after the National Anthem;
  - ii. Private Schools are encouraged to adapt the same in the spirit of unity.
- b. For Public Offices
  - i. All public offices are mandated to include the singing of the "ORMOC, DUTANG MATAHUM" every flag raising ceremony immediately after the National Anthem, and during the opening program of the public celebration and or events;
  - ii. Singing of the "Ormoc, Dutang Matahum" shall be included in the Order of Business of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and all Sangguniang Barangay of this City.



- c. Recorded version of the HYMN shall be played in welcoming guests/participants during any public celebration;
- d. All persons while singing the "ORMOC, DUTANG MATAHUM (ORMOC BEAUTIFUL LAND)" Hymn shall stand in attention, show respect to the Philippine Flag.
- e. And all other occasions where the Philippine National Anthem is sung or played.

**SECTION 6. SINGING /PLAYING OF "ORMOC, DUTANG MATAHUM (ORMOC BEAUTIFUL LAND)" HYMN BY THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS, SECTOR, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS-** The Singing /Playing of the Ormoc hymn is encouraged in the Flag Raising Ceremonies, Official Functions, Special Occasions, Activities and Programs in the private sector.

**SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE** - The Office of City Mayor thru the Ormoc City Tourism Office shall be tasked with the full implementation of the Ordinance and shall be authorized to issue the necessary guidelines for the same.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All existing Ordinances, Executive Orders, Implementing Rules and Regulations, Resolutions or parts thereof of this city inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any portion of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions thereof which are not affected, shall continue in full force or effect.

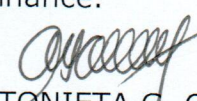
**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, October 08, 2019.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine M. Romero; the City Tourism Office; the Ormoc Festival & Cultural Foundation; the Composer, Mr. Manny Panta; the President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc; the Schools Superintendent-DepEd, Ormoc City Division; all Private Schools in Ormoc; the City Local Government Operations Officer; and other offices concerned - all in Ormoc City;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

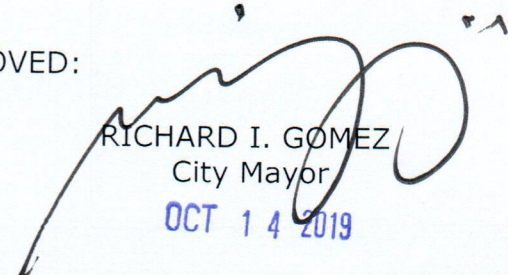
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
RICHARD I. GOMEZ  
City Mayor

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