

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FOURTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING
ON MARCH 07, 2017 IN LIEU OF
MARCH 09, 2017

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.,	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Rolando M. Villasencio,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member, Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Mario M. Rodriguez,	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,	SP Member
Nolito M. Quilang,	SP Member
John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II,	SP Member
	Minority Floor Leader
Lea Doris C. Villar,	SP Member, Asst. Minority Floor Leader
Mariano Y. Corro,	Ex-Officio SP Member
	Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-041

A RESOLUTION MANIFESTING THE STRONG SUPPORT OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ORMOC TO SUGAR
ORDER NO.3, SERIES OF 2016-17 BY THE SUGAR
REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION (SRA) AND URGING THE
CONCERNED BODIES FOR THE STRICT AND IMMEDIATE
IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) is a government owned and controlled corporation committed to promote the advancement and competitiveness of the sugarcane industry amidst global challenges;

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its mandates, SRA had recently issued Sugar Order No. 3 dated February 17, 2017 which set the "Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance for Release of Imported High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) and Chemically Pure Fructose", mainly to regulate the entry of imported HFCS into our country;

WHEREAS, the issuance of Sugar Order No. 3 is the government's response and intervention to the pressing issue of massive HFCS importation which prompted the sugar Industry Federations and multi-sectoral groups to lobby before the national government for a proactive approach to stop the unregulated entry of HFCS into our country and in effect, maintain a balanced and rationalized supply of sugar in the domestic market for the long term interest of the sugar industry;

WHEREAS, HFCS is a type of sweetener made from corn and found to be widely used by beverage companies as an alternative or often in combination with our local sugar. Thus, its importation seriously affects the balance of supply of sugar in the country and will have adverse impacts to the sugar industry. Along these adverse economic effects is also the controversy over the health risks presented by HFCS;

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WHEREAS, records of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) showed that in 2016 around 234, 863 metric tons of HFCS, equivalent to 352,294.5 metric tons of sugar, entered the country which caused a substantial drop in prices of sugar and stagnation in sugar stocks which translates to a loss of around P10,500,000,000 in the sugar industry;

WHEREAS, Ormoc City being known as one of the sugar producing localities in our country, had felt and shared the same sentiments on HFCS importation;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor Richard I Gomez, through an Indorsement dated March 2, 2017 had requested for the passage of a resolution strongly supporting Sugar Order No. 3 to protect the small sugarcane farmers in Ormoc City;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Ormoc is committed to promote and protect the welfare of its constituents in accordance with the mandates of the Philippine Constitution and joins the national government in its earnest efforts to counter the economic and health risks posed upon by the unregulated HFCS importation;

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc finds, after due consideration of the matter, that there is indeed an immediate need for the regulation of HFCS importation through the strict implementation of Sugar Order No. 3 primarily to protect the interests of the entire sugar sector industry and the country's economy, along with the vision of providing protection and promote the health of the consuming public. Hence, this august Body manifests its genuine and strong support to Sugar Order No. 3 not only for the benefit and general welfare of the Ormocanon community but for the whole country in general;

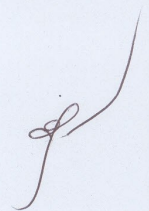
WHEREFORE, FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on MASS MOTION of the Body; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass RESOLUTION MANIFESTING THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ORMOC TO SUGAR ORDER NO. 3, SERIES OF 2016-17 BY THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION (SRA) AND URGING THE CONCERNED BODIES FOR THE STRICT AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF;

ADOPTED, March 07, 2017.

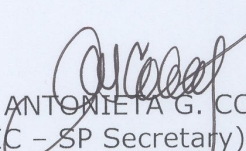
RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the Acting City Legal Officer, Atty. Marcelo C. Oñate; the Administrator, Sugar Regulatory Administration, Ms. Anna Rosario V. Paner, Sugar Center Building North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City; Engr. Herminigildo R. Serafica, Board of Directors, SRA, Planters' Representative; the OIC-City Director, DILG, Engr. Jesus Jeremy D. Bagares; and other offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

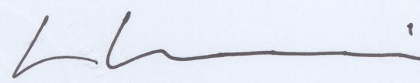


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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
(OIC - SP Secretary)
Supervising Administrative Officer

ATTESTED:


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

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