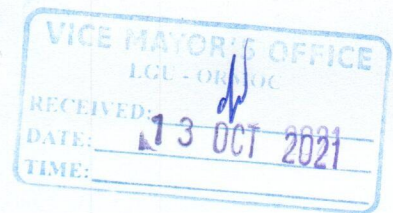


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON OCTOBER 12, 2021



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.  
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,  
Roiland H. Villasencio,  
Tomas R. Serafica,  
Nolito M. Quilang,  
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,  
Jasper M. Lucero,  
Peter M. Rodriguez,  
Vincent L. Rama,  
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,  
Lalaine A. Marcos,  
Esteban V. Laurente,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
SP Member, Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"  
SP Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Majority Floor Leader

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Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,  
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-286**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY  
MAYOR RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY  
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE SISTER  
CITIES DECLARATION WITH THE COUNTY OF  
HAWAII, STATE OF HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA.**

WHEREAS, this Fifteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an Indorsement dated March 4, 2021 from the Office of the City Mayor, endorsing a request for the issuance of a Resolution granting the City Mayor or Acting City Mayor the authority to sign the Sister Cities Declaration with the County of Hawai'i, State of Hawaii, United States of America. Further requesting that this matter be treated as EXTREMELY URGENT, a copy of the Communication is hereto attached as "ANNEX A" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, in an Annotation dated October 10, 2021, the City Legal Office finds nothing legally objectionable in the said Communication and that the same is not contrary to law, morals, public order, or public policy much less detrimental to the best interests of Ormoc City;

WHEREAS, to recall, in a Sangguninang Panlungsod (SP) Resolution No. 2011-112 dated June 16, 2011, the City of Ormoc and the County of Hawai'i established the City Sisterhood Agreement to foster economic development, cultural exchange, and educational information among its people, a copy of the SP Resolution is hereto attached as "ANNEX B" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, to commemorate its Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Sister City Agreement, Honorable Mayor Richard I. Gomez of the City of Ormoc and Honorable Mayor Mitch Roth of the County of Hawai'i acknowledge and reaffirm the Sister City Agreement to further nurture and sustain a continuing and purposeful relationship between the cities and its people;



WHEREAS, the establishment of the Sisterhood Declaration between the two cities will promote international goodwill and understanding, expand mutual cooperation between its people, encourage charitable projects, and encourage scientific advances.

WHEREAS, the subject Sisterhood Declaration clearly and plainly encapsulates the terms and conditions of the agreement of the parties thereto, including their specific roles and obligations towards the attainment of the lofty ends of the same, and this Sanggunian, upon thorough review, finds that the same is entered for the purpose of promoting international goodwill and mutual cooperation between its people, thereby, serving the best interests of the City and its constituents, and therefore, is most deserving of this august Body's prompt and favorable consideration;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Laws and Ordinances, severally seconded by SP Members Tomas R. Serafica, Nolito M. Quilang, Peter M. Rodriguez, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Esteban V. Laurente, Jasper M. Lucero, Lalaine A. Marcos, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon and Vincent L. Rama; be it

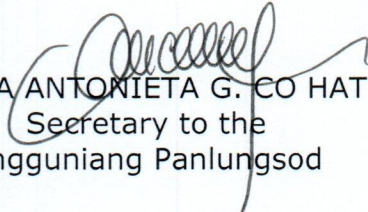
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE SISTER CITIES DECLARATION WITH THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'I, STATE OF HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

ADOPTED, October 12, 2021.


RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine Mejia-Romero; County of Hawai'i; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other offices concerned for their information and guidance;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

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



## SISTER CITIES DECLARATION

adopted by THE HONORABLE MITCH ROTH  
MAYOR OF HAWAII COUNTY

And THE HONORABLE RICHARD I. GOMEZ  
MAYOR OF ORMOC CITY

REVIEWED
ORMOC CITY LEGAL OFFICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate Opinion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drafted by CLO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not contrary to laws, public policy, moral.
Amendments/Revisions
By: Josephine De la Romero Ormoc City Legal Officer
DATE: 11/4/2021

On the tenth anniversary of the signing of a sister city agreement, in order to further nurture and sustain a continuing and purposeful relationship between the County of Hawaii and the City of Ormoc, the Honorable Mayor Mitch Roth, Mayor of Hawaii County, and the Honorable Richard Gomez, Mayor of Ormoc City, on this \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ 2021, do hereby acknowledge and reaffirm the sister cities agreement between the County of Hawaii and the City of Ormoc.

The County of Hawaii and the City of Ormoc bind themselves in fulfillment of the following:

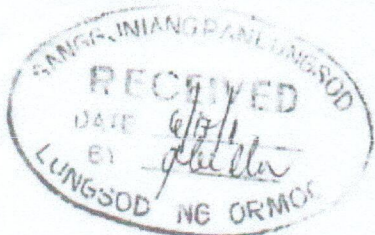
- To promote and expand effective and mutually beneficial cooperation between the people of their cities;
- To promote international goodwill, understanding and expanded businesses relations between the two cities by the exchange of people, ideas and information in a wide variety of economic, social, cultural, municipal, environmental, professional, technical, youth and other endeavors;
- To conduct at least (1) goodwill mission within a five-year period. Appropriate community, civic and service organizations shall be invited as participants and/or facilitators for these occasions;
- To encourage the promotion of exchanges through education and the establishment of contacts within educational institutions; and
- To foster and encourage charitable, scientific, trade and commerce, literary and educational activities between cities.

The parties agree that sisterhood relations shall be established between the two (2) cities shall be for a period of FIVE (5) years, commencing on October 20, 2021, and renewable for such term as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

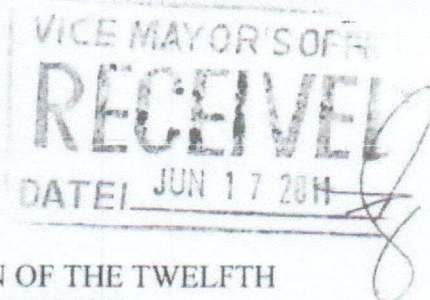
**MITCH D. ROTH**  
Mayor, County of Hawaii

**RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA**  
Mayor, City of Ormoc





REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE TWELFTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON JUNE 16, 2011

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,  
Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,  
Hon. Rolando M. Villasencio,  
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,  
Hon. Mario M. Rodriguez,  
Hon. Lea Doris C. Villar,  
Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang,  
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,  
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,  
Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon,  
Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr.,  
Hon. Antonio M. Codilla,

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
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Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Ex-Officio City Councilor,  
SK Federation President

Hon. Corinne M. Corro,

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-112

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY  
SISTERHOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF  
HAWAII, STATE OF HAWAII, USA AND ORMOC CITY,  
PHILIPPINES AND ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT IN  
RELATION THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i County Council have jointly promoted a Sister City Program to foster friendship and understanding among all the world, particularly those in the pacific basin;

WHEREAS, the City Sisterhood program benefits the people of the affiliated cities through exchange of economic development, cultural and educational information of mutual and common interest to the participating parties;

WHEREAS, currently there is an open exchange communication between the officials of the County of Hawai'i and Ormoc City discussing the establishment of said City Sisterhood relationship between these two communities;

WHEREAS, Hawaii and the Philippines have a long historical connection beginning with the introduction of agricultural workers, known as *sakadas*, in 1906, and according to the 2005 American Community Survey, 23.5% of the population of the State of Hawaii is of Filipino descent;

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island and Ormoc City share many common attributes which includes geothermal energy the latter being the geothermal powerhouse of the Philippines producing more or less 650 megawatt of geo-energy;



Res. No. 2011-112

WHEREAS, both Cities are endowed with rich and bountiful indigenous natural resources which are attractions to tourism and culture;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the sisterhood between these two cities in particular and two countries in general will enhance its economic, technical, educational and cultural relationship;

NOW THEREFORE on motion of the Councilor Jose C. Alfaro Jr., Chairman, Committee on Cities Sisterhood program, jointly seconded by Councilors Sotero M. Pepito and Ruben R. Capahi, be it;

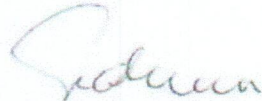
RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to pass a resolution APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY SISTERHOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I, STATE OF HAWAII, USA AND ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES AND ENTER INTO A FROMAL AGREEMENT IN RELATION THERETO;

ADOPTED, June 16, 2011.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the Honorable Eric C. Codilla, City Mayor of Ormoc City; Honorable William P. Kenoj, Mayor, Country of Hawai'i, Hawaii, USA; County Council, Country of Hawai'i, Hilo, Hawaii; Ms. Jane Clement, President, COVO, Kona Visayan Club, Hilo Visayan Club; Ms. Charmaine Shigemura, Sister City Protocol Officer, Country of Hawaii, Hawaii, USA; and others offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
JOEL S. DUERO  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
NEPOMUCENO P. APARISI  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer