REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

VICE MAYOR'S OFFICE RECEIVED:

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD GUNIANG PANL AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING

ON JANUARY 11, 2022

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, 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, 1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore" SP Member, 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader

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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

ON LEAVE:

Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,

Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,

SP Member, Majority Floor Leader

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-010

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS AN OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE CITY OF ORMOC ENCOURAGING THE SOURCING OF ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND THE CITY OF ORMOC.

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that it is the responsibility of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthy ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 16 (General Welfare) of the Local Government Code of 1991, provides among others, that Local Government Units shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8749, or the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, declares that the State shall promote and protect the global environment to attain sustainable development while recognizing the primary responsibility of local government units to deal with environmental problems;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, declares as a state policy the promotion of the utilization of new, indigenous, and renewable energy sources in power generation in order to reduce dependence on imported energy as well as to strengthen the energy baseload of the country in order to provide stable, reliable, and efficient power to the entire nation;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy in Republic Act No. 9513, or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, to encourage the development and utilization of renewable energy sources in order to effectively reduce or prevent harmful emissions, and thereby balance the goals of economic growth and development with the protection of the environment and the health of Filipino citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc is blessed with a natural environment that endows its people not only with diverse resources but also with beautiful surroundings that nurture good health and promote a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, its people are enjoying and sharing the benefits of such natural resources by way of abundant agricultural produce, livelihood through eco-tourism and most importantly, the valuable production of electricity through the harnessing of endemic, renewable sources of energy such as geothermal, wind and solar;

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc is host to several renewable energy power plants that generate clean, reliable power through these geothermal, solar, hydro, and wind sources, contributing greatly to the electricity needs of the Visayas region;

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc is among 165 members of the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) that were confirmed during the UN Climate Summit COP26 held in Glasgow, United Kingdom on November 3, 2021 that has committed to taking decisive action to deliver on their domestic phase-out commitments and cooperate to accelerate the global transition from coal to clean energy.

WHEREAS, consistent with these directives and ideals, the City of Ormoc prioritizes the utilization of clean, renewable energy, which is abundant in the province; to continuously protect and develop such renewable energy sources and, at the same time, shun operations and activities including sourcing and use of energy sources that are destructive to the environment and harmful to its citizens' health and livelihood;

WHEREAS, with the recent developments in technology especially in the renewable energy sector, the City of Ormoc is more than ever inspired and committed to achieve its thrust in producing and using clean and renewable energy,

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Commission (CCC), in its Resolution No. 2016-001, states that at a global level, coal-fired power plants are the biggest source of man-made carbon dioxide emissions, which account for about thirty-five percent (35%) of global greenhouse gas in the atmosphere;

WHEREAS, the signing by President Rodrigo Duterte of the Instrument of Accession to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the subsequent concurrence of the Philippine Senate with the said agreement expressly recognize the critical impact of climate change and the immediate need to adopt emission reduction programs to halt the increase in global average temperature to below 2 degrees Celsius;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, under said CCC Resolution No. 2016-001, adopted a national policy review and framework development of energy, through a nationwide approach, in accordance with a low carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development, and considering the prioritization and acceleration of renewable energy development;



WHEREAS, the development, implementation, and propagation of renewable energy production is one of the most effective and efficient solutions and strategies toward achieving these goals, objectives, and ideals;

WHEREAS, green renewable energy is the only way the City and the province can preserve its wealth of natural resources while still being able to ride on the waves of progress and modernization;

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc shall continue to support clean and renewable energy projects and is strongly encouraging the distribution utility, Leyte Electric Cooperative V (LEYECO V), and those contestable customers duly recognized by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to secure their power requirement from clean and renewable energy sources;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Lalaine A. Marcos, Chairman, Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Conservation, severally seconded by SP Members Tomas R. Serafica, Nolito M. Quilang, Gregorio G. Yrastroza III, Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, Esteban V. Laurente, Peter M. Rodriguez and Joan Marbie C. Simbajon; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS AN OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE CITY OF ORMOC ENCOURAGING THE SOURCING OF ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND THE CITY OF ORMOC;

ADOPTED, January 11, 2022.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution one each to the City Mayor; the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC); the ENRO; the Energy Development Corporation (EDC); LEYECO V; the City Local Government Operations Officer, and other offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above resolution.

MARIA ANTONIETA GLEO HAT

Secretary to the

Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

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