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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH (29TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON MARCH 2, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/ Liga President
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/ SK Federation President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2479

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING MARCH 9 OF EVERY YEAR AS "GENERAL PACIANO RIZAL DAY" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVIDING FOR ITS ANNUAL COMMEMORATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) authorizes local government units to promote the general welfare, including the preservation and enrichment of culture and historical heritage;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to honor distinguished individuals whose patriotism and leadership contributed to the freedom and development of the Filipino nation;

WHEREAS, General Paciano Rizal, born on March 9, 1851, was a prominent revolutionary leader from Laguna who played a crucial role in the Philippine struggle for independence;

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as a commanding general of revolutionary forces in Laguna and nearby areas, demonstrating courage, discipline, and unwavering commitment to national sovereignty;

WHEREAS, as the elder brother and steadfast supporter of Dr. Jose Rizal, he safeguarded and advanced reformist ideals that helped shape Filipino national identity;

WHEREAS, the revolutionary history of Laguna forms part of the shared historical legacy of the Municipality of Los Baños;

WHEREAS, declaring March 9 of every year as "General Paciano Rizal Day" will strengthen historical awareness, civic pride, and patriotism among the people of Los Baños;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Jay G. Rolusta, duly seconded by Councilwoman Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega and approved by all the Councilors present,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, Laguna, in session duly assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **"General Paciano Rizal Day Ordinance of Los Baños."**

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to:

a. Preserve and promote local and regional history;
b. Recognize exemplary historical figures whose lives embody patriotism and public service;
c. Encourage educational and cultural activities that foster national pride; and
d. Institutionalize meaningful commemorative programs for future generations.

SECTION 3. **DECLARATION OF PACIANO RIZAL DAY.** March 9 of every year is hereby declared as **"General Paciano Rizal Day"** in the Municipality of Los Baños.

SECTION 4. **NATURE OF OBSERVANCE.** General Paciano Rizal Day shall be observed as a **special commemorative day** in the Municipality. It shall not be declared a non-working holiday unless otherwise provided by law, but shall be marked by official ceremonies and educational activities.

SECTION 5. **ANNUAL OBSERVANCE.** The Municipality shall conduct appropriate activities every March 9, which may include:

a. Municipal-wide flag-raising ceremony;
b. Wreath-laying rites at General Paciano Rizal Shrine;
c. Historical lectures, symposia, or forums;

d. Student competitions such as essay-writing, poster-making, or declamation contests;
e. Cultural performances depicting the revolutionary period;
f. Recognition of individuals or groups exemplifying patriotism and public service.

SECTION 6. **LEAD IMPLEMENTING OFFICES.** The following offices shall coordinate the annual observance:

a. **Los Banos Culture, History, Arts and Tourism Office (LBCHATO)** – Overall program coordination;
b. **Local School Board** – Coordination with public and private schools;
c. **Public Information Office (PIO)** – Public awareness and media dissemination;

SECTION 7. **INTEGRATION IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.** In coordination with appropriate educational authorities, local schools are encouraged to include lectures or classroom discussions on the life and contributions of General Paciano Rizal during the week of March 9.

SECTION 8. **HERITAGE PROMOTION.** LBCHATO shall incorporate General Paciano Rizal Day into:

a. The Municipality's annual tourism calendar;
b. Official publications and digital platforms;
c. Heritage trails and local history campaigns.

SECTION 9. **APPROPRIATIONS.** Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against existing appropriations of the Municipality, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary shall be included in the Annual Budget.

SECTION 10. **IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.** Within sixty (60) days from effectivity, the Office of the Municipal Mayor, through the Municipal Tourism, Culture and Arts Office, shall issue implementing guidelines to ensure effective and sustainable observance of General Paciano Rizal Day.

SECTION 11. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, and issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Los Baños.

ENACTED : March 2, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.

DONNA T. ALBORIDA- DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:

HON. MARLO PJ A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor