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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH (12TH) SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 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. 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. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member, Sick-Leave

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2523

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL "HABI AT HIMIG SA LOS BAÑOS" AS CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL SCIENCE, CREATIVE INDUSTRY, AND TOURISM PROGRAM IN THE MONTH OF MAY; PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature, while Sections 14, 15, 17, and 18 of Article XIV mandate the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of Filipino culture founded on unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare by preserving and enriching culture, encouraging tourism, supporting science and technology, fostering economic development, and strengthening partnerships with government agencies, civil society organizations, educational institutions, and the private sector;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11904, otherwise known as the *Philippine Creative Industries Development Act*, recognizes the creative industries as an important pillar of national development and encourages local governments to support creative enterprises, cultural innovation, and creative communities through appropriate policies and programs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11293, otherwise known as the *Philippine Innovation Act*, promotes innovation as a vital component of sustainable development by strengthening collaboration among government, industry, academe, and communities;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños is recognized as a center for education, science, research, innovation, culture, and tourism, making it an ideal venue for programs that integrate scientific innovation with Filipino arts, cultural heritage, and sustainable creative industries;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing Habi at Himig sa Los Baños as an annual municipal program will ensure the continuity of cultural preservation, tourism promotion, scientific innovation, creative industry development, community participation, and inter-agency collaboration while strengthening Los Baños' identity as a leading municipality in culture, science, sustainability, and innovation;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Rand Edouard R. De Jesus and approved by the councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Habi at Himig sa Los Baños Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** The Municipality of Los Baños recognizes culture, science, technology, innovation, and creative industries as essential drivers of sustainable local development, tourism promotion, community identity, and economic growth.

Consistent with the Local Government Code of 1991, the Philippine Creative Industries Development Act, the Philippine Innovation Act, and other relevant laws, the Municipality shall promote programs that preserve Filipino heritage while encouraging innovation through partnerships among government agencies, educational institutions, cultural organizations, local artisans, designers, researchers, performers, and community stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Municipality hereby institutionalizes the annual Habi at Himig sa Los Baños as an official municipal program.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. The program shall pursue the following objectives:

a. Promote Philippine textiles, indigenous weaving traditions, and sustainable fashion;
b. Showcase bamboo musical instrument technologies and Filipino musical heritage;
c. Support local designers, artisans, researchers, performers, and creative entrepreneurs;
d. Promote scientific innovation applied to culture and creative industries;
e. Encourage sustainable production and environmentally responsible design;
f. Strengthen partnerships among government agencies, educational institutions, private organizations, and local communities;
g. Promote Los Baños as a center of culture, science, innovation, and tourism; and
h. Increase public appreciation of Filipino heritage through education, exhibitions, performances, and creative activities.

SECTION 4. INSTITUTIONALIZATION. "Habi at Himig sa Los Baños" is hereby declared a science, cultural, and tourism event, to be conducted every year on a date determined by the Municipal Government through the Municipal Tourism Office and Science, Technology, and Innovation Council – Los Banos in coordination with the Implementing Committee.

The program shall include any of the following:

a. Fashion shows featuring Philippine textiles;
b. Textile innovation exhibitions;
c. Bamboo musical performances;
d. Cultural presentations;
e. Science and technology exhibits;
f. Trade fairs;
g. Community workshops;
h. Research presentations;
i. Local artisan and designer showcases; and
j. Other related cultural and creative industry activities.

SECTION 5. **CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE.** There is hereby created the Habi at Himig Steering Committee. It is composed of:

a. Chairperson - Municipal Mayor
b. Vice Chairpersons - Chairperson of the Committee on Science & Technology and the Chairperson of Tourism, Arts, and Culture;
c. Members:

- SK Federation President
- Municipal Tourism Officer
- Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- GAD Focal Person
- Municipal Budget Officer
- Public Information Officer
- Representative from cultural organizations
- Representative from local designers or creative industries

The Committee may invite other agencies and organizations as necessary.

SECTION 6. **FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.** The Committee shall:

a. Prepare the annual work and financial plan;
b. Coordinate with national government agencies and partner institutions;
c. Secure sponsorships and resource-sharing arrangements;
d. Organize exhibits, performances, competitions, and educational activities;
e. Promote community participation;
f. Ensure accessibility, inclusivity, gender responsiveness, and environmental sustainability;
g. Monitor implementation; and
h. Submit an annual accomplishment and financial report to the Sangguniang Bayan.

The Committee shall formulate implementing rules, monitor program implementation, and recommend improvements, rules, and recommend improvements.

SECTION 7. **LEAD IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.** The Municipal Tourism Office shall serve as the lead implementing office with support from:

a. Office of the Mayor;
b. Sangguniang Bayan;
c. Gender and Development Office;
d. Public Information Office;
e. Municipal Engineering Office;
f. MENRO; and
g. Other concerned municipal offices.

The Municipality may enter into Memoranda of Agreement/ Understanding with national agencies and other organizations as necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. **FUNDING.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included annually in the Municipal Budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

The Municipality may likewise receive, in trust, grants, donations, sponsorships, technical assistance, and in-kind contributions from government agencies, development partners, private entities, and other lawful sources.

SECTION 9. **SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES.** — All program activities shall encourage:

a. Sustainable and eco-friendly materials;
b. Responsible waste management;
c. Promotion of indigenous and locally produced materials;
d. Inclusive participation of women, youth, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and indigenous peoples; and
e. Promotion of gender equality and cultural diversity.

SECTION 10. **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Steering Committee shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

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

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places in Los Baños, Laguna.

ENACTED : September 2, 2026

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

DONA 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