



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO  
MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GLORIA HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON MONDAY DATED AUGUST 19, 2019 AT 9:00 IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

HON. VIC RUSKIN M. ONG	-	Presiding Officer
HON. ROMEO EDWARD P. ALVAREZ	-	SB Member
HON. NORMA R. PAZ	-	SB Member
HON. TEOTIMO F. FAMPULME, JR.	-	SB Member
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HON. RODOLFO S. DAPITO	-	SB Member
HON. LAURO L. DE BELEN	-	SB Member
HON. RIMANDO M. RECALDE	-	SB Member
HON. WILFREDO S. CONDESA	-	SB Member
HON. HENRY S. SOBERANO	-	Liga President
HON. BONJOVE S. DE MESA	-	SKMF President

ABSENT : NONE

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 14  
Series of 2019

Sponsored by: Hon. Rimando M. Recalde

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WALANG LANGIT WATERFALLS AS PROTECTED AREA AND TWIN PANTON CAVE AS CRITICAL HABITAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586"**

**WHEREAS**, under Section 17 of R.A. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, it is the duty of the local government to ensure the maintenance, protection and conservation of communal forest, tree parks and other similar development projects;

**WHEREAS**, under the NIPAS Act (RA 7586), the Local Government Unit is task to maintain essential ecological processes and life support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent and to protect against destructive human exploitation;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9147 otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act" declares that it shall be the policy of the State to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability; a) to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to protect, conserve and maintain the natural biological and physical diversity of the Walang Langit Waterfalls and Twin Panton Cave to ensure its perpetual existence for the next generation;

**WHEREAS**, Walang Langit Waterfalls is one of the emerging tourist destinations in the Municipality of Gloria;

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Municipal Mayor

**WHEREAS**, due to its distinct features and natural beauty, the Sangguniang Bayan of Gloria declared the Walang Langit Waterfalls as Protected Area and the Twin Panton Cave as the Critical Habitat;

**WHEREAS**, Walang Langit Waterfalls and the Twin Panton Cave are included to those declared tourism spots in the Municipality of Gloria for both local and foreign tourists offering a glimpse of its spectacular, unique and natural beauty;

**WHEREAS**, preservation and development of declared tourist spots/destinations in Gloria, Oriental Mindoro will maintain and enhance their natural beauty as well as preserve the ecological balance of the sites;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit thru the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office is desirous to maintain its aesthetic value and prevent it from further exploitation, destruction and vandalism for the enjoyment of present as well as of future generations;

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance aims to ensure that any developmental activities within or in the periphery of the declared critical habitat would undergo the necessary assessment process to safeguard the area's ecological integrity;

**WHEREAS**, there are threats of tourism activities to the already dwindling population of several species of tree-dwelling fruit bats/cave-dwelling insect bats on the Twin Panton Cave as the reason for the conservation measure;

- a) to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife;
- b) to pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and
- c) to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Rimando M. Recalde duly seconded by all members be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Gloria in Session assembled that:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as "*AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WALANG LANGIT WATERFALLS AS PROTECTED AREA AND TWIN PANTON CAVE AS CRITICAL HABITAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586*"

**Section 2. Definition of terms**

**Twin Panton Cave** - It refers to the two caves located at Barangay Malubay. It originated in the historical routine scenario during the time of Japanese invasion where the people made the two caves as their shelter to hide whenever the Japanese went to their Barrio. People were used to step (patong) over the stone to be able to get inside the cave. They pronounced the word "patong" as panton because of "nganga", a mixture of buyo for chewing.

**Walang Langit Water Falls** - is one of the destinations in the Municipality for both local and foreign tourists offering a glimpse of its spectacular, unique and natural beauty

**Critical habitat** - are areas that are preserved to support the perpetual existence of a certain plant or animal species, whether they are migratory or naturally occurring in an area.

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**NIPAS ACT 1992** (National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992) - An Act providing for the establishment and management of **national integrated protected areas system**, defining its scope and coverage, and for other purposes.

**Task Force Bantay Kalikasan**- Is the counterpart of Bantay Gubat which will be organized to protect the Walang Langit Waterfalls and Twin Panton Cave.

**Section 3. Regulation.** No person shall:

- a) Hunts, poison or destroy any timber forest product, natured growing or wild terrestrial animals, Flora and Fauna or products desired from the area.
- b) Cuts/destroy any tree or shrubs, or other erosion preventing plants.
- c) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys endangered or protected species, except when collection or removal is for scientific research.
- d) Destroy, damage, mutilates or defaces any act of Vandalism or any object of natural beauty object of anthropological or cultural importance.
- e) Alters, removes, destroy or defaces boundary markers or interpretative signs relating to the area.
- f) Leaves, debris, garbage in exposed or unsanitary condition anywhere within the Walang Langit Waterfalls and Twin Panton Cave.

Camp fires are strictly prohibited in all trails and camp sites, smoking is allowed only on designated area and is strictly prohibited on trails and closed canopy/forested camp sites.

Cooking shall only be done using portable burner. Use of firewood is strictly prohibited. No fireworks or display of pyro techniques is allowed

The declaration of critical habitat **does not**:

- Affect land ownership;
- Allow the government to take or manage private property;
- Establish a refuge, reserve, preserve, or other conservation area;
- Allow government or public access to private land.

**Section 4. Penalties**

In violation of Section 3 hereof. The offender should be noted with the following penalties in every offense incurred.

- a) A fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) shall be imposed for the first offense or two (2) days community service inside the area.
- b) A fine of one thousand five hundred (Php1,500.00) shall be imposed for second offense or three (3) days of community service inside the area.
- c) A fine of two thousand five hundred (Php2,500.00) shall be imposed for third offense and in every offense committed therefor or five (5) days of community service inside the area, in which case the offender shall be with automatically banned from entering the area.

**Section 5. Creation of Task Force Bantay Kalikasan**- Task Force Bantay Kalikasan is hereby created to protect and safeguard the Walang Langit Waterfalls and Twin Panton Cave. The appointment of members of task force shall depend on the discretionary power of the Local Chief Executive.

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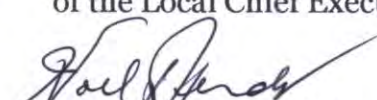
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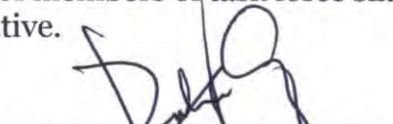
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**Section 6. Incentive.** The agent of Task Force Bantay Kalikasan will be given an incentive depending on the budget allocated for the purpose.

**Section 7. Fund.** There shall be an annual allocation not less than to Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00) for the purpose of this ordinance.

**Section 8. Separability Clause.**

In the event that a provision of this ordinance is found or decreed to be invalid or unconstitutional all other provisions hereof not affected by such pronouncement or decree remain to be in full force and effect.

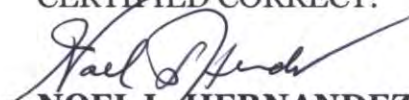
**Section 9. Repealing Clause.**

All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

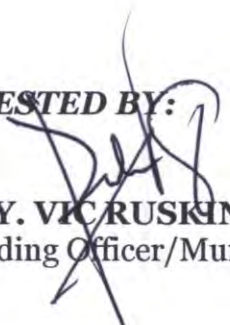
**Section 11. Effectivity Clause:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days from the date a copy thereof is posted on a bulletin board at the entrance of the Municipal Hall, as the case maybe, and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the municipality.

Enacted: August 19, 2019

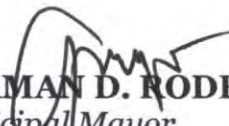
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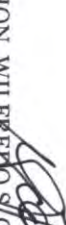
  
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Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor


APPROVED:

  
**HON. GERMAN D. RODEGERIO**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 9/2/19


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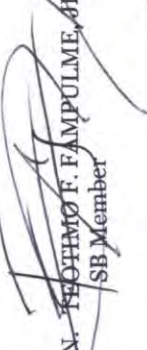

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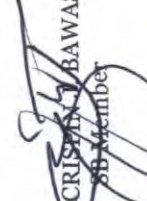
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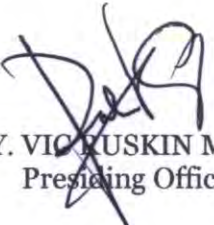
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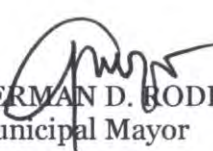
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## SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD AT THE PEOPLE'S HALL, BATASANG PANLALAWIGAN (BENIGNO S. AQUINO LEGISLATIVE BLDG.) GOV. IGNACIO ST., BRGY. CAMILMIL CITY OF CALAPAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

PRESENT:

Hon. Antonio S. Perez, Jr.	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Carlito F. Camo	Member
Hon. C. Voltaire S. Brucal	Member
Hon. Judy Ann D. Servando	Member
Hon. Emmanuel S. Buenaventura	Member/Floor Leader
Hon. Ramil O. Dimapilis	Member
Hon. Mae Arlene M. Talens	Member
Hon. Edilberto C. Ilano, Jr.	Member
Hon. Alexandra C. Casubuan	Member
Hon. Rafael L. Infantado	Member
Hon. Michael Anthony Philippe L. Leachon	Member
Hon. Marion Francis D. Marcos	PCL President/Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Dennis V. Brondial	ABC President/Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Joeniña R. Aguilon	SKPF President/Ex-Officio Member

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### RESOLUTION NO. 4920 – 2019

**RESOLUTION DECLARING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 14, S. 2019 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WALANG LANGIT FALLS AS PROTECTED AREA AND TWIN PANTON CAVE AS CRITICAL HABITAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586”, AS WITHIN THE CONFERRED POWER OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN TO ENACT ORDINANCES, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Gloria, Oriental Mindoro submitted Municipal Ordinance No. 14, S.2019 of the Municipality of Gloria, entitled “An Ordinance declaring Walang Langit Falls as protected area and Twin Panton Cave as critical habitat under the provisions of the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) under Republic Act No. 7586”;

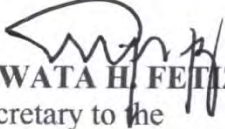
WHEREAS, the Committees on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and Laws, Ordinances and Legal Matters reviewed and studied said ordinance and found out that the same was approved pursuant to Section 447 of Local Government Code (“LGC of 1991”);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds Municipal Ordinance No. 14, S. 2019 to be within the conferred powers of the Sangguniang Bayan of Gloria to enact or approve under LGC of 1991, subject to full and continuing compliance with all related and applicable laws, rules and regulations which shall be the full responsibility of the LGU, Municipal Mayor and all concerned officials and employees of Gloria in the implementation of the said ordinance.

Let copies of this resolution, together with the Joint Committee Report, be furnished the Municipal Mayor and the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan, thru the Secretary to the Sanggunian, of the Municipality of Gloria, for their information.

On motion of Board Member Alexandra C. Casubuan, jointly seconded by Board Members Joeniña R. Aguilon, Dennis V. Brondial, Ramil O. Dimapilis, and Judy Ann D. Servando, this Resolution was APPROVED.

Certified Correct:

  
**DIWATA H. FELIZANAN**  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Attested:

  
**ANTONIO S. PEREZ, JR.**  
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer