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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF 4TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN OF NUEVA ECIJA HELD AT AUDITORIUM, OLD CAPITOL COMPOUND,
CABANATUAN CITY, ON

JULY 23, 2019

PRESENT:

VG EMMANUEL ANTONIO M. UMALI	-Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
BM RAFAEL ANDREW R. VILLANUEVA	- Member
BM EMARY JOY D. PASCUAL	- Member
BM JO-MARIO ANGELO E. MATIAS	- Member
BM NAPOLEON P. INTERIOR JR.	- Member
BM EDUARDO JOSE B. JOSON VII	- Member
BM TERESITA A. PATIAG	- Member
BM ERIC DANIEL F. SALAZAR	- Member
BM ESMERALDO B. ABALOS	- Member
BM ROSELLER T. DE GUZMAN	- Member
BM JOSEPH R. ORTIZ	- Member
BM FERDINAND V. DYSICO	- Member(President-PCL)
BM ARIEL L. MATIAS	- Member (LnB President)
BM ANDREW N. BISCALOG	- Member (IPM Representative)
BM MARY SWEET LIBERTY N. CRUZ	- Member (SK President)

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING OCTOBER 29TH OF EVERY
YEAR AS NUEVA ECIJA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
THANKSGIVING DAY PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION
NOS. 1906 AND 486**

Introduced by: Board Member Andrew N. Biscalog and Board Member Joseph R. Ortiz

WHEREAS, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has issued Proclamation No. 1906 and declaring the month of October of the year as "National Indigenous Peoples Month" and Proclamation No. 486 declaring October 29 every year as "National Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving Day", respectively;

WHEREAS, said Proclamations were in consonance to the Constitutional mandate in recognizing and protecting the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCP/IP) within the framework of national unity and development in Republic Act No. 8371 known as the "Indigenous Peoples Right Act";

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan deems it proper to accord due recognition and attention to its constituents belonging to the ICCs/IPs in the celebration of their beliefs, traditions and culture;

WHEREFORE, under the suspended rules, and on motion by Board Member Andrew N. Biscalog, duly seconded by all Members present;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled, the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-s-2019

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING OCTOBER 29TH EVERY YEAR
AS NUEVA ECIJA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES THANKSGIVING
DAY PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NOS. 1906 AND 486**

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Nueva Ecija Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving Day".

Section 2. PURPOSE. In order to preserve and protect the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities and the rich cultures and traditions of Indigenous Peoples, this ordinance is hereby Promulgated, declaring every 29th of the month of October and every year thereafter as "Nueva Ecija Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving Day", pursuant to RA 8371 otherwise known as the "Indigenous Peoples Right Acts", Proclamation Nos. 1906 and 486 declaring the month of October of every year as "National Indigenous Peoples Month" and "National Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving Day", respectively;

Section 3. POLICIES. The State shall recognize, respect and protect the right of ICCs/IPs to preserve and develop their cultures and traditions, and shall take measures with the participation of ICCs/IPs concerned to protect their rights and guarantee respect for Cultural Integrity in order that ICCs/IPs shall at all times benefit on an equal footing from the rights and opportunities which national laws and regulations grant to other members of the population;

The state further recognizes the cultural integrity ICCs/IPs which is the holistic and integrated adherence of a particular ICC/IP community to their customs, religious beliefs, traditions, indigenous knowledge systems and practices and their right to assert and their character and identity as peoples.

The rights of indigenous people to cultural integrity shall include, among others, the:

- a) Protection of Indigenous culture, traditions, and institutions;
- b) Recognition of cultural diversity;
- c) Protection of religious, cultural sites and ceremonies;
- d) Right to indigenous spiritual beliefs and traditions;
- e) Protection to indigenous sacred places; and
- f) Right to protection of indigenous knowledge systems and practices;

Section 4. EMPOWERMENT/RECOGNITION OF IP RIGHTS. The Indigenous People Mandatory Representative (IPMR) seating in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in its cooperative role with the tribal leaders in the locality and the Provincial Government of Nueva Ecija, shall ensure that the dignity and diversity of ICCs/IPs cultures, traditions and practices is recognized and respected.

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Section 5. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE. A Seven (7) member committee comprising of the following:

- a) Chairman – To be chosen among the tribal elders and leaders in the locality
- b) Vice Chairman - To be selected among the tribal elders and the leaders of the community
- c) Members - Five members shall be selected among the tribal community.

Shall have control over the performance in term of its content and manner of celebration according to ICCs/IPs customary laws and tradition, such as but not limited to:

- a) Traditional rituals
- b) Traditional dancing
- c) Traditional songs

Section 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The Honorable Governor is hereby authorized to disburse sufficient funds earmarked for Indigenous Community allotted under his Office.

Section 7. Let copy of this Ordinance be furnished the Office of the Governor, the Provincial Budget Office, the Provincial Treasurer's Office, the Provincial Accounting Office and all other concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.

WE HEREBY certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

GIAN CARLO E. BUMANLAG
Secretary to the Sang. Panlalawigan

EMMANUEL ANTONIO M. UMALI
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

AURELIO M. UMALI
Governor