

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS from the Minutes of the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo in its Regular Session held at the Municipal Session Hall of Oton, Iloilo last September 12, 2001 at 2:00 in the afternoon.

PRESENT:	Hon. Jose V. Olivares, Jr. Hon. Eusebio G. Villavicencio, Jr. Hon. Vicente B. Flores, Jr. Hon. Honorato P. Nad Hon. Pablo S. Guevara, Jr. Hon. Felimon Gregorio M. Calvo Hon. Simplicio R. Carreon, Jr. Hon. Victoriano P. Burgos Hon. Edgar N. Javellana	Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer) SB Member SB Member (Floor Leader) SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (ABC Representative)
ABSENT:	Hon. Mary Jean G. de los Santos Hon. Jafet P. Salinas	SB Member (SK Representative)(O.B.) SB Member (Asst. Floor Leader)(O.B.)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2001 – 96**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING OTON AS MUNICIPALITY  
OF CHARACTER AND ENACTING THE CHARACTER  
DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

**ON MOTION** of the Committee on Education, namely, Hon. Felimon Gregorio M. Calvo, Hon. Vicente B. Flores, Jr. and Hon. Jafet P. Salinas and duly seconded by Hon. Eusebio G. Villavicencio, Jr.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo, an Ordinance, to wit:

**ARTICLE I**

**SECTION 1.** **TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the Character Development Ordinance of the Municipality of Oton.

**SECTION 2.** **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a. **Truthfulness** – earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.
- b. **Patience** – accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.
- c. **Gratefulness** – letting others know by words and actions how they have benefited his / her life.
- d. **Forgiveness** – clearing the record of those who have wronged and not holding a grudge.
- e. **Responsibility** – knowing and doing what is expected of him.
- f. **Dependability** – fulfilling what he / she consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice.
- g. **Cleanliness** – arranging himself / herself and his surroundings to achieve greater efficiency.
- h. **Hardwork** – labouring diligently to achieve a desired goal.
- i. **Discipline** – rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right.
- j. **Initiative** – recognizing and doing what needs to be done even before being asked to do it.
- k. **Humility** – acknowledging that achievement results from the investment of others in his / her life.
- l. **Generosity** – realizing that he / she is a trustee of all he / she has, and using everything for the best purpose.

**ARTICLE II**

**DECLARING OTON AS MUNICIPALITY OF CHARACTER  
AND ADOPTING THE SONG AND OATH.**

**SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Oton is hereby declared as the Municipality of Character in which elected and appointed officials, community leaders and citizens – at – large recognize the importance of good morals and actively creating an atmosphere which encourages character development through the implementation of character programs in every sector of the community.

**SECTION 2.** The Municipal Hymn "Oton Matahum ko'ng Puluy-an" is hereby adopted as the character song of the Municipality.

**OTON MATAHUM KO'NG PULUY-AN**

OTON MATAHUM KO'NG PULUY-AN  
SANG ILOY NGA PUTLI NAHAMUT-AN  
SA KABUGNAW SANG DAGAT SA IMO TIILAN  
ANG KASINGKAL SANG ADLAW NAGAHAGAN-HAGAN.

OTON MATAHUM KO'NG PULUY-AN  
ANG PAMATASAN LABAW SA BULAWAN  
KON PAGHIMAKAS PAGTOO NAUPDAN  
ANG KABUDLAY NAGAHAGAN-HAGAN.

TIPIGAN NAMON NGA ULIHING TUBO  
PANUBLION NGA MANUGPAMUNO  
SA MARAGTAS SANG IMO KASAYSAYAN  
ANG OGTONGANON GINASALIGAN.

BUKAS SA MAKUGI KAG MAPISAN  
ANG SARI-SARI NGA PANGABUHI-AN  
KAALAM, KALANTIP GAPATIN-AD  
KAG PANGAMAN SA BUAS DAMLAG.

OTON MATAHUM KO'NG PULUY-AN  
ANG PAMATASAN LABAW SA BULAWAN  
KON PAGHIMAKAS PAGTOO NAUPDAN  
ANG KABUDLAY NAGAHAGAN-HAGAN

SA BULIG SANG ILOY SA KALANGITAN  
ANG KABUDLAY NAGAHAGAN-HAGAN.

**SECTION 3. THE MUNICIPAL CHARACTER OATH SHALL BE:**

AKO NAGAPATI  
NGA ANG PAGBAG-O SANG KATILINGBAN  
NAGASUGOD SA PAGBAG-O SANG AKON KAUGALINGON  
NGA ANG TANAN NGA AKON GINAPANUMDUM KAG GINAHIMO  
AKON SALABTON SA AKON ISIGKATAWO  
KAG LABI SA TANAN SA KATILINGBAN  
NGA AKON NAHAMTANGAN.

TUNGOD SINI, BUG-OS KO NGA TINGUHA-AN  
NGA MANGIN TAMPAD, MAPINASENSIYAHON,  
MAPINASALAMATON, MAPINATAWARON, RESPONSABLE,  
MASALIGAN, MATINLO, MAPISAN, DISIPLINADO,  
MAY INISYATIBO, MAPAINUBUSON KAG MAALWAN

BULIGAN AKO SANG DIOS.

**ARTICLE III**

**MANDATING THE SINGING OF CHARACTER SONG  
AND RECITATION OF CHARACTER OATH.**

**SECTION 1.** The singing of character song and recitation of character oath is hereby mandated in schools, government offices, and during programs within the Municipality after the singing of the National Anthem.

**ARTICLE IV**

**DECLARING THE MONTHLY CHARACTER FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**SECTION 1.** The twelve (12) months of the year with their corresponding character to be developed is hereby declared as follows:

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| (a) January   | - Truthfulness   |
| (b) February  | - Patience       |
| (c) March     | - Gratefulness   |
| (d) April     | - Forgiveness    |
| (e) May       | - Responsibility |
| (f) June      | - Dependability  |
| (g) July      | - Cleanliness    |
| (h) August    | - Hardwork       |
| (i) September | - Discipline     |
| (j) October   | - Initiative     |
| (k) November  | - Humility       |
| (l) December  | - Generosity     |

**ARTICLE V**

**ORGANIZING THE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR CHARACTER (CCC).**

**SECTION 1.** The Community Coalition for Character (CCC) shall be organized to be the Municipal Government's Counterpart in implementing its character building program.

**SECTION 2.** The Community Coalition shall be composed of but not limited to the following organizations:

- a) Federation of Senior Citizens
- b) Federation of Parents – Teachers Association
- c) Federation of accredited NGOs
- d) Department of Education, Culture and Sports
- e) Oton Police Station
- f) Association of Barangay Councils
- g) Sangguniang Kabataan Municipal Federation
- h) Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish
- i) Oton Driver's Association
- j) Southern Oton Jeepney Owners and Drivers Association

**SECTION 3.** The coalition shall meet, elect its own set of officers, formulate its own mission – vision statement and create its own strategic plan for implementation.

**ARTICLE VI**

**CREATION OF CHARACTER FIRST OTON COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1.** The Character First Oton Committee is created to plan character programs and provide for its implementing mechanisms to ensure character development in all sectors of the community.

**SECTION 2.** The Character First Oton Committee shall be composed of but not limited to the following officers and members:

- a) Mayor – Chairman
- b) Vice Mayor – Vice Chairman
- c) All Sangguniang Bayan Members
- d) President / Chairman of CCC
- e) Representative of Secondary School Principals
- f) Representative of Primary School Principals / School Heads
- g) Representative of Day Care Workers
- h) Representative of Municipal Department Heads

**SECTION 3.** The Character First Oton Committee shall meet every First (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

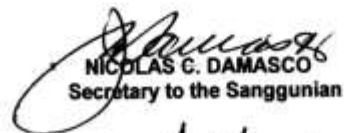
**SECTION 5.** Copies of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Mayor; MPDC; DECS; District Office; 16 Elementary Schools; ONHS; BCNHS; CBNHS; SRNHS; 21 Day Care Centers; 37 Barangays; 5 Private Schools; HRMO; OSCA Office; NGOs; FPTA; PNP; ODA; SOJODA; 11 – Oton LGU Departments and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information and guidance.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Attested:

  
**JOSE V. OLIVARES, JR.**  
 Vice Mayor

  
**NICOLAS C. DAMASCO**  
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

Concurred:

  
**VICENTE B. FLORES, JR.**  
 Floor Leader

Approved:

  
**ATTY. CARINA V. FLORES**  
 Municipal Mayor

Date Approved:  
Date Posted:

September 20, 2001  
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