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 Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on August 01, 2024 at 9:00 the morning.

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| <p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares
 Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo
 Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche
 Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao
 Hon. Lee Cereño Alison – Bretaña
 Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz
 Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.
 Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas
 Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe</p> <p>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: NONE.</p> <p>ABSENT:</p> <p>Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares
 Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose</p> | <p>SB Member (OIC Vice Mayor)
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 SB Member (LNB Representative)</p> <p>Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer (MC 6)
 SB Member (PPSK Representative) (Vacation leave) (Travel abroad)</p> |
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 453

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING MARCH 3 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

AS PROPOSED by Hon. Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo, **ON MOTION** of Hon. Paul M. Buenafe, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection and Climate Change Adaptation together with Hon. Vanessa T. Salinas, Vice Chair and Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose, Member which was duly seconded by Hon. Rodolfo Z. Alconga, Jr.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal World Wildlife Day Celebration."

SECTION 2. RATIONALE/LEGAL BASIS:

- a. Article II Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides 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."
- b. Article XII Section 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "All lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum, and other mineral oils, all forces of potential energy, fisheries, forests or timber, wildlife, flora and fauna, and other natural resources are owned by the State. With the exception of agricultural lands, all other natural resources shall not be alienated. The exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State."
- c. The Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (RA 9147) passed in 2001 aims to expand protection coverage to all wildlife and empower regulation agencies to combat illegal wildlife trade (IWT). The Act provides for the conservation, preservation, and protection of wildlife species and their habitats, as well as the control and supervision of wildlife capture, hunting, and trade.
- d. The Declaration of World Wildlife Day Celebration stems from the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on December 20, 2013. During the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly, March 3 was designated as the United Nations World Wildlife Day. This significant day coincides with the signing of the convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973. The United Nations General Assembly resolution appointed CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of World Wildlife Day, making it an annual local event dedicated to wildlife. It invites all member states, organizations of the United Nations systems, and other global, regional and subregional organizations as well as other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, non-government organizations and individuals to observe and raise awareness of World Wildlife Day, in an appropriate manner, in accordance with national priorities.
- e. Section 16 General Welfare of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that within the respective territorial jurisdictions, local government

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units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhanced the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

- f. Section 444 (b) (3) (vii) of RA 7160 mandates to initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues, and apply the same to the implementation of development plans, programs, objectives and priorities particularly those resources and revenues programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and progress and relative thereto shall adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral, marine, forest, and other resources of the municipality.
- g. Section 458 (a) (1) (vi) of RA 7160 mandates the local government units to enact ordinances that will provide for the protection of the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endangered the environment such as smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE ORDINANCE

- a. To emphasize the intrinsic value and diversity of nature, highlighting the importance of wildlife and biodiversity-based resources for meeting human needs such as food, fuel, medicines, housing, and clothing;
- b. To raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation of wildlife provides to people and the urgent need to combat wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species, which have significant economic, environment, and social impacts;
- c. It serves as a platform to celebrate the diverse forms of wild fauna and flora, promote awareness for wildlife conservation and emphasize the critical role of ecosystems and plants and animal species for the well-being of current and future generations; and
- d. To support the global efforts to protect wildlife, raise awareness about the threats they face, and promote sustainable practices for the coexistence of human and wildlife in our ecosystem.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE.

- a. Wildlife – means wild forms and varieties of fauna and flora, in all developmental stages including those which are in captivity or are being breed or propagated.
- b. Fauna – is the animal forms of wildlife classification.
- c. Flora – is the plant forms of wildlife classification.
- d. Ecosystem – is a dynamic and interconnected systems that consists of all living organisms in a specific area along with their physical environment functioning as a unit.
- e. Biodiversity – means the variability among living organisms from all sources, including inter alia, terrestrial marine, and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part, this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.
- f. Eutrophication of Rivers and Lakes or of Ecological imbalance- is a state wherein a body of water is being disruptive by an excessive growth of aquatic plants especially algae resulting also to the rapid growth of bacteria which will consume nearly all the oxygen in a certain body of water especially during warm weather choking the fish and other inhabitants in that specific body of water.
- g. Intrinsic-inherent; essential
- h. Variability-tend to evolve or deviate from its kind, tending to deviate someway from the type.
- i. Inter-alia-is a Latin term used as an adverb which translate “among other things.”
- j. Terrestrial marine-refers to the combination of terrestrial (land-based) and marine (sea-based) environments or characteristics when used together, it usually indicates connections between terrestrial and marine ecosystems or species that have adaptations to thrive in both environments. Example of terrestrial marine:

- a. Mangrove Forests- is an example of terrestrial marine environments where trees grow in coastal saline or brackish water, bridging the gap between land and sea habitats
- b. Seabirds- like seagulls or puffins can be considered marine animals as they nest on land but rely on the marine environment for feeding and survival.
- c. Estuaries- example of terrestrial marine zones where fresh water from rivers meets and mixes with salt water from the ocean, creating a unique habitat that supports a variety of plant and animal species adapted to both land and sea conditions.

SECTION 5. DECLARATION OF THE MUNICIPAL WORLD WILDLIFE DAY.

The third (3rd) day of March of every year shall be the World Wildlife Day Celebration in the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 6. PROVISIONS ON PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATION.

- a. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall be the lead office for the Municipal World Wildlife Day Celebration with the support of the Municipal Agriculture Office.
- b. The MENRO as lead office shall formulate plans, programs and conduct activities that will promote the realization of the objectives of the ordinance.
- c. The lead office shall consult partner with other government agencies and non-government organizations, CSO and private persons and their program in the furtherance of the advocacy on the importance of wildlife in the ecosystem, their roles in the economic, environment, aesthetics, and social aspects in the community.
- d. The lead office shall designate personnel to handle wildlife identification and documentation of wildlife species found in the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. The amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (150,000.00) shall be appropriated every year to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and shall be charged against the Budget of the MENRO. Programs, Projects and Activities thereto including the budgetary requirements shall be included in the Annual Investment Program of the said Office.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE- This ordinance shall take effect upon the approval of the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. COPIES - This Ordinance shall be furnished to the Office of the Mayor; MENRO. MACO, MPDC, MTO, MBO, Acctg. 37 Barangays, CSOs, advocating for Environmental Protection, Oton PNP and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Concurred:

Vanessa T. Salinas
VANESSA T. SALINAS
 Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

Approved:

Sofronio L. Fusin, Jr.
SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
 Municipal Mayor

Date Approved:

AUG 22 2024

Kerry Ann T. Lacificar
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 Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attested:

Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo
MA. LORNA T. GEONIGO
 SB Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

Date Posted:

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