



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Salcedo

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SALCEDO, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AT THE SB SESSION HALL, THIS MUNICIPALITY.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-79

Series of 2023

Principal Sponsor: Hon. Joselito C. Esquierdo

Co-Sponsors: All Members of the Committee on Environment

A RESOLUTION SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CONDUCT DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS CONSEQUENT IMPACTS ON THE PEOPLE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALCEDO, AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY AND PROPER PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALCEDO'S LOCAL AUTONOMY AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO A BALANCED AND HEALTHFUL ECOLOGY IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS, ALSO HEREBY DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN COMMITTEE TO CRAFT POLICIES APPROPRIATE FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION; FINALLY, ADOPTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE POLICY BRIEF ENTITLED "ENFORCING ACCOUNTABILITY: HOLDING FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES LIABLE FOR CLIMATE CRISIS – UNVEILING LOSS AND DAMAGE OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, THE SALCEDO, EASTERN SAMAR CASE", AND PURSUE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF SALCEDO FOR THE LOSSES AND DAMAGES INFLICTED UPON THE COMMUNITIES DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution imposes upon the State the duty to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the local government of Salcedo, pursuant to its power of local autonomy guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution, is duty bound to ensure that this right is fiercely safeguarded;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo is the local legislative body responsible for enacting ordinances and resolutions for the effective and efficient administration and operation of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the National Inquiry on Climate Change (NICC) Report conducted by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), urges local government units to adopt measures to exact accountability from Carbon Majors;

WHEREAS, Greenpeace SEA Environmental Trust, Inc (Greenpeace Philippines), an independent global campaigning organization that acts to change attitudes and behavior, protect and conserve the environment, and promote peace, has investigated the intersectional impacts—including human rights impacts—of slow-moving disaster and extreme weather events, suffered by the community of Salcedo from 2013 until the present, the results thereof are contained in the Policy Brief entitled *“ENFORCING ACCOUNTABILITY: HOLDING FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES LIABLE FOR CLIMATE CRISIS – UNVEILING LOSS AND DAMAGE OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, THE SALCEDO, EASTERN SAMAR CASE”*, which is hereby attached to this resolution and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations outlined in the Policy Brief provide invaluable insights for decision-making towards climate change accountability, mitigation and adaptation;

WHEREAS, the Sanggunian, on behalf of the people of Salcedo, is resolute in its pursuit for accountability and reparations for the losses and damages brought about by the detrimental impacts of the climate crisis caused by entities responsible for the excessive and cumulative greenhouse gas emissions. This initiative likewise aims to position the Municipality of Salcedo as a proactive advocate for climate justice, demonstrating practices in alignment with the Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS, recognizing the critical need to formalize lasting and effective measures for seeking accountability for the losses and damages suffered by the people of Salcedo, the Sanggunian Bayan is committed to instituting robust mechanisms and establishing enduring policies to advance the objectives outlined in this Resolution. This includes the establishment of concrete policies aimed at institutionalizing the intents and purposes of this Resolution. These policies will encompass the creation of a permanent framework, including, but not limited to, the formulation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) responsible for leading the investigations/case-building, advocacy strategies, partnership building, and other necessary mechanisms, thus ensuring a sustained and permanent approach towards achieving justice and redress for the impacted Salcedo community.


NOW, THEREFORE, on the motion of Hon. Leo S. Gagante, and duly seconded by en masse, be it:

RESOLVED and **APPROVED** the resolution seeking accountability for conduct directly contributing to climate change and its consequent impacts on the people of the municipality of Salcedo, authorizing the Local Chief Executive to do whatever is necessary and proper, pursuant to the municipality of Salcedo’s local autonomy and its constitutional duty to uphold the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in addressing climate change and its impacts, also hereby directing the appropriate Sanggunian Bayan Committee to craft policies appropriate for achieving the purpose of this resolution, finally, adopting the findings and recommendations outlined in the policy brief titled *“Enforcing Accountability: holding fossil fuel companies liable for climate crisis – unveiling loss and damage of extreme weather events, the Salcedo, Eastern Samar Case”*, and pursue any and all actions on behalf of the people of Salcedo for the losses and damages inflicted upon the communities due to the impacts of extreme weather events.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy/ies of this Resolution be furnished to all concerned for their information and reference.

ENACTED & APPROVED: November 6, 2023


I CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar during its regular session conducted on November 6, 2023.


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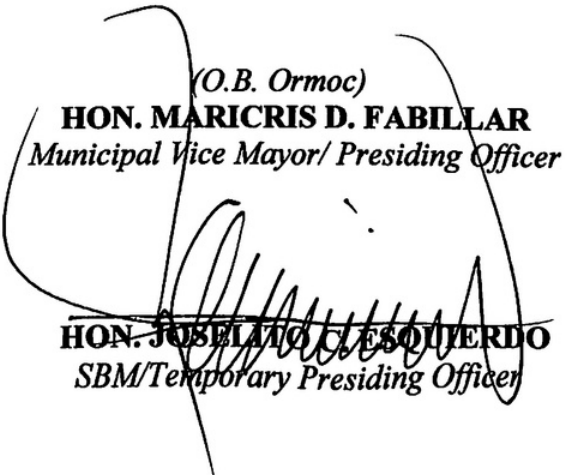

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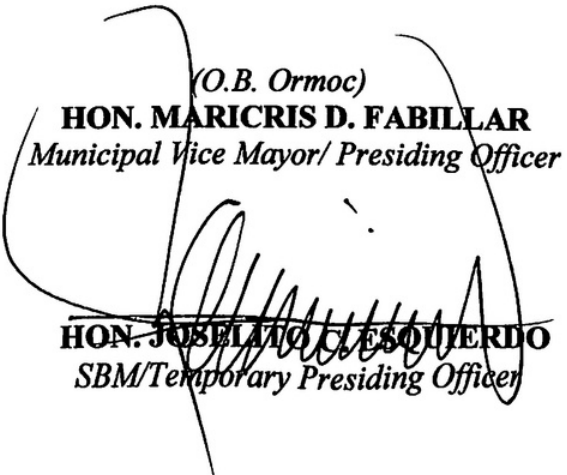

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