



**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH (13<sup>TH</sup>) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President- O.B.
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-180**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE DOST-FPRDI XYLARIUM WOOD COLLECTION AS A CULTURAL HERITAGE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND TOURISM LANDMARK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, SUPPORTING ITS DECLARATION AS A NATIONAL CULTURAL TREASURE, AND DIRECTING ITS INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL TOURISM PROMOTIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.**

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**WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, declares as policy the recognition, preservation, enrichment, and protection of cultural heritage properties of the nation for the purpose of instilling pride and strengthening national identity;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Science and Technology - Forest Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI), located in the Municipality of Los Baños, is the country's premier research and development center for forest-based products;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-FPRDI Xylarium Wood Collection serves as repository of one of the world's most extensive and scientifically valuable collections of wood specimens, representing approximately ninety-eight percent (98%) of all known Philippine tree species;

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**WHEREAS**, this vast collection is not only indispensable for academic, research, and institutional purposes but also serves as a repository of the Philippines' natural, cultural, and scientific identity;

**WHEREAS**, the Xylarium Wood Collection, being unique to the country and unparalleled in Southeast Asia, is a source of great pride for the Municipality of Los Baños, symbolizing the town's historic role as the cradle of science, technology, research, and innovation;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Los Baños, being recognized as the Special Science and Nature City of the Philippines (pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 349, Series of 2000), seeks to further strengthen its reputation as a premier destination for science, culture, and eco-tourism;

**WHEREAS**, the Xylarium Wood Collection, by virtue of its historical, cultural, scientific, and technological significance, is hereby acknowledged as one of the Science and Technology, Cultural Heritage, and Tourism Landmarks of the Municipality of Los Baños, Laguna;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon, duly seconded by Councilor Rand Edouard R. De Jesus and concurred by all other members present;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, Laguna formally acknowledges the DOST-FPRDI Xylarium Wood Collection as a Science and Technology, Cultural Heritage, and Tourism Landmark of the Municipality of Los Baños;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Sangguniang Bayan expresses its recognition of and support for the initiative of the Department of Science and Technology - Forest Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI) to declare the Xylarium Wood Collection as a National Cultural Treasure, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10066 and other relevant laws;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the Municipality of Los Baños, through its Tourism Office and in coordination with DOST-FPRDI, shall integrate the Xylarium Wood Collection into its official tourism and science promotions, materials, brochures, digital campaigns, and guided tours, thereby recognizing and promoting it as an essential part of Los Baños' cultural, scientific, and tourism identity.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:**                      October 20, 2025

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.

  
**DONA T. ALBORIDA - DIZON**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:

  
**HON. MARLO P. J. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP**  
Vice Mayor/Presiding Office