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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY - FIRST (21ST) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON JULY 13, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

Present :	Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President Secretary Dona T. Alborda Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I
Absent :	S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista, (O.B.) S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes, (O.B.) S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President, (O.B.)
Visitors :	None

**RESOLUTION 2020 – 122**

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE “BATING FILIPINO” OR THE SIMPLE ACT OF GRACEFULLY LAYING THE PALM OF THE RIGHT HAND OVER THE CENTER IF THE CHEST WITH SIMULTANEOUS SLIGHT HEAD NOD AS A CUSTOMARY FILIPINO GESTURE OF GOODWILL, PRAISE AND RESPECT.”**

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Author : Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon  
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**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, the medical profession has established that the traditional handshake is a risk to health. The innocent well-meaning gesture of handshake can transmit communicable diseases;

**WHEREAS**, the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest and simultaneously with a slight head nod and appropriate verbal greeting as “The Filipino Official Gesture of Goodwill and Praise” can be a better alternative to the traditional handshake;

**WHEREAS**, placing the hand over the chest is a universal gesture of good faith coming from the heat, while the nod is a traditional Filipino gesture of respect;

**WHEREAS**, on February 2020, the House of Representatives in its First Regular Session officially adopted the **House Resolution No. 408** with the title "*A Resolution Urging the Philippine Government to Promote the Simple Act of Gracefully Laying the Palm of the Right Hand Over the Center of the Chest with a Simultaneous Slight Head Nod as a Customary Filipino Gesture of Goodwill, Praise and Respect*";

**WHEREAS**, House Resolution No. 408 was adopted in order to promote the new Filipino gesture as an alternative to the traditional handshake and to promote health consciousness among citizenry;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Bayan agreed to adopt and promote "Bating Filipino" in the Municipality of Los Baños;

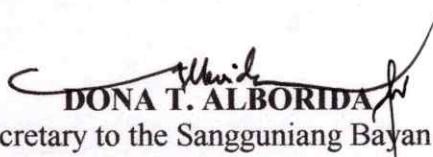
**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon, duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and approved by the councilors present;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, a Resolution Promoting the "Bating Filipino" or the Simple Act of Gracefully Laying the Palm of the Right Hand Over the Center of the Chest with a Simultaneous Slight Head Nod as a Customary Filipino Gesture of Goodwill, Praise and Respect;

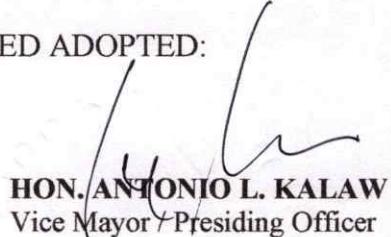
**RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT** a copy of this Resolution be duly furnished the Municipal Public Information Office and the DepEd-Los Baños for their appropriate action.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED : July 13, 2020**

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

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

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:

  
**HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW**  
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer