



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD (3RD) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON AUGUST 4, 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. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND UNITS TO STRENGTHEN CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS FOR MOUNT MAKILING, FURTHER RE-EXAMINING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS TO ENSURE ITS ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.

Author : Councilor Aldous Amiel B. Perez

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares the state's policy to protect the environment by advancing our people's right to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

WHEREAS, Mount Makiling, an inactive stratovolcano with a total area of 4,224 to 4,244 hectares that stretches to the borders of the Municipalities of Los Baños and Bay in Laguna, and the Cities of Calamba in Laguna and Sto. Tomas in Batangas, is known to be a center for rich biodiversity with over 2,000 plant species and 400 animal species present, including endemic and endangered ones.

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mount Makiling Forest Reserve was declared as the 33rd ASEAN Heritage Park in Southeast Asia—recognizing its high conservation importance, exceptional biodiversity, value in the scientific and educational field, and contribution to ecotourism.

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WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 692 of 2004 declared the Mount Makiling Forest Reserve as a “permanent forest reserve” for conservation, scientific, and educational purposes, with the University of the Philippines - Los Banos through the Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems (MCME) administering the area pursuant to Republic Act 3523.

WHEREAS, Mount Makiling, a natural scientific laboratory for academic institutions and international researchers, serves a vital area for the formulation of environmental policies and the advancement of forestry, ecology, climate science, and natural management among others.

WHEREAS, the people of Los Baños, being a community lying at the foot of Mount Makiling, is expressing their concern for the area, which, when weakly or unseriously rehabilitated, left unconserved, and unprotected from non-environmental-rooted and compliant developmental projects, will result in massive landslides, floods, and destruction of biodiversity.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Aldous Amiel B. Perez, duly seconded by Councilor Jay G. Rolusta and concurred by all other members present;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Los Baños, as the town primarily nestled on the slopes of Mount Makiling and likewise directly affected by whatever devastation it will encounter, is strongly urging the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and all concerned government agencies and units to strengthen conservation and rehabilitation efforts for the area, thereby ensuring its continuous benefit for the current and next generation of scientists, researchers, tourists, and the protection for the people of Los Baños in general.

RESOLVED, that the reexamining of finished and ongoing developmental projects in the area, private or public-funded, is hereby requested to ensure utmost environmental-compliance and that no environmental conservation efforts is ever compromised.

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Government of Los Baños, as the Special Science and Nature City of the Philippines, stands as a strong government unit that shall always put first the protection of the environment, especially Mount Makiling, in all its ways forward.

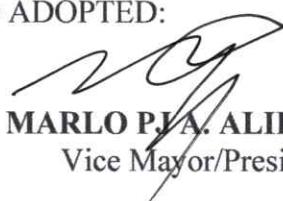
LET COPIES of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and its Regional Office for CALABARZON, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) of Laguna, the University of the Philippines - Los Banos (UPLB) and its College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR) together with the Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems (MCME), and to all concerned government agencies and units, officials, and organizations.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED : August 4, 2025 

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.A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer