



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT THE ATTY. JUANITO G. CAMBANGAY CONFERENCE ROOM, PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (PPDO), 2ND FLOOR, BOHOL PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, GOV. LINO CHATTO DRIVE, COGON DISTRICT, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL

In Attendance:

Gov. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Chairman and Presiding Officer
and
Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 49-2023

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 03440, “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE (DFA) CONSULAR OFFICE IN BOHOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

WHEREAS, Bohol 2nd District Representative, now Provincial Governor of Bohol, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado introduced House Bill No. 10518 in the 18th Congress of the Republic of the Philippines, entitled, “AN ACT CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR” which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 22, 2021;

WHEREAS, Representative, now Provincial Governor of Zamboanga Sibugay, Ann K. Hofer who was then the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, recommended for adoption House Resolution No. 2409 entitled, “RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL”;

WHEREAS, Bohol 2nd Representative Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado filed House Bill No. 03440 in the 19th Congress of the Republic, entitled “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE (DFA) CONSULAR OFFICE IN BOHOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”, which was read last August 15, 2022 and is now pending with the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

WHEREAS, this Body is convinced that the Province of Bohol would greatly benefit with its own DFA Consular Office (DFA-CO) in light of the fact that the province is home to more than fifty thousand (50,000) Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and is considered a top tourism destination in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, this Body believes that it is ideal to establish a DFA-CO in the Province of Bohol so that anyone who seeks consular services may need not have to travel to other consular offices located in other provinces like Negros Oriental, Cebu or Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a DFA-CO in the City of Tagbilaran will greatly benefit the residents of the Province of Bohol as well as the people from nearby provinces because it will be less expensive and less time-consuming when availing of their services;

WHEREAS, this Body further believes in the urgency of the approval of the said resolution, and therefore reiterates its full and whole-hearted support, thus, this resolution is forwarded to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Central Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);

WHEREFOR, upon proper motion, duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body –

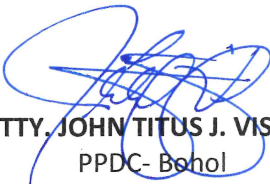
To strongly support House Bill No. 03440, “An Act Establishing a Regular Department of Foreign Affairs Office (DFA) Consular Office in Bohol, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes”.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to endorse copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Members of the Sanguniang Panlalawigan and the Vice Governor of the Province of Bohol for their information and support, and to the three (3) Representatives of the Province of Bohol, for their strong support and facilitation.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.


ATTY. JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL
PPDC- Bohol
Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:



DIONISIO VICTOR A. BALITE
Acting Governor
Acting Chairman, PDC-Bohol