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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

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Present:

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| Municipal Vice Mayor Robert S. Quiatchon | - Presiding Officer           |
| Councilor Lucille T. Bacay               | - Member                      |
| Councilor Marietta R. Pajila             | - Member                      |
| Councilor David D. De La Cruz            | - Member                      |
| Councilor Michael O. Pongyan             | - Member                      |
| Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis       | - Member                      |
| Councilor Christopher Y. Carvajal        | - Member                      |
| Councilor Gualberto V. Magno             | - Member                      |
| Councilor Robert A. Baticos              | - Member                      |
| Councilor Hermis S. Catapang             | - President, Liga ng Barangay |
| Councilor Sheikinah Grace C. Sanz        | - Member, MSKF President      |

Absent:

NONE

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15**  
Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CELEBRATION OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POPDEV) WEEK EVERY LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER (MONDAY-FRIDAY) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO PROMOTE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LINKAGES BETWEEN POPULATION, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF**

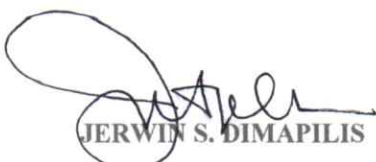
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WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 76, series of 1992, declares every last week of November as Population and Development (POPDEV) Week to highlight the critical interrelationship between population dynamics and socioeconomic development, including health, education, employment, poverty reduction, environmental sustainability, and human capital development;

  
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WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 and the Philippine and Regional Population and Development Plan of Action (PPD-POA) 2023-2028 underscore the importance of integrating population dynamics into local governance to foster inclusive growth, demographic dividend, poverty reduction, and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), otherwise known as the General Welfare Clause, mandates every local government unit (LGU) to exercise powers essential for the promotion of the general welfare, ensuring the well-being, health, safety, and improved quality of life of its constituents, including advancing their right to health, education, responsible parenthood, and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro recognizes that population factors such as fertility, mortality, migration, age structure, and household size significantly influence demand for services such as health, education, housing, employment, social welfare, and environmental protection, thereby directly impacting local development outcomes;

WHEREAS, the observance of POPDEV Week is consistent with the mandate of the LGU to deliver essential services related to population management, public health, education, social welfare, youth development, disaster resilience, and environmental protection, thereby strengthening local efforts to empower families, communities, and sectors toward inclusive growth and human development;

WHEREAS, the local government recognizes the necessity of allocating adequate resources to ensure the effective and meaningful implementation of POPDEV Week programs and activities and to sustain advocacy, capacity-building, and community mobilization efforts;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, in session assembled:

#### SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Population and Development (POPDEV) Week Ordinance of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.**”

#### SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Municipality of Roxas to promote the well-being of its constituents by recognizing the inseparable link between population dynamics and sustainable development. The municipality commits to fostering a community where every individual is empowered to contribute to and benefit from socioeconomic progress.

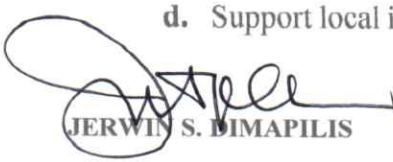
#### SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POPDEV WEEK

The last week of November of every year is hereby declared as **Population and Development (POPDEV) Week** in the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

#### SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES

The celebration of POPDEV Week aims to:

- a. Increase public awareness and understanding of population and development issues;
- b. Promote responsible parenthood, adolescent health and development, gender equality, and reproductive health education;
- c. Encourage multi-sectoral participation in population and development programs; and
- d. Support local initiatives aligned with national population and development goals.

  
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## SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES

The Municipal Population Office, in coordination with the Municipal Health Office, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Municipal Planning and Development Office, Department of Education, barangays, and other concerned offices and stakeholders, shall be primarily responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of activities for POPDEV Week.

## SECTION 6. ACTIVITIES

The POPDEV Week celebration may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Campaign on Responsible Parenthood Family Planning, Adolescent health thru the Program "KATROPA" – Kalalakihang Tapat sa Responsibilidad at Obligasyon sa Pamilya.
- b. Kwentong Kabataan – reaching out to the adolescent during forum or symposium.
- c. Life-skills and future readiness program in the coordination with DTI and other government agencies.
- d. School-based poster-making and other contest highlighting the impact of families, youth and other sectors in advancing PopDev goals.
- e. Project Monitoring and Evaluation – Implementers collect data and accomplishments for evidenced based governance.

## SECTION 7. FUNDING

Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the annual budget of the Municipal Government of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary shall be included in the annual appropriations of the municipality.

## SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The concerned offices shall formulate the necessary implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

## SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

## SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

## SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval and upon compliance with the required posting and publication in accordance with existing laws.

On motion of Councilor Marietta R. Pajila duly seconded by all this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 16 February 2026

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ROBERT S. QUIATCHON

MARIA MAHARLIKA M. FABIC

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MARIA MAHARLIKA M. FABIC  
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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ROBERT S. QUIATCHON  
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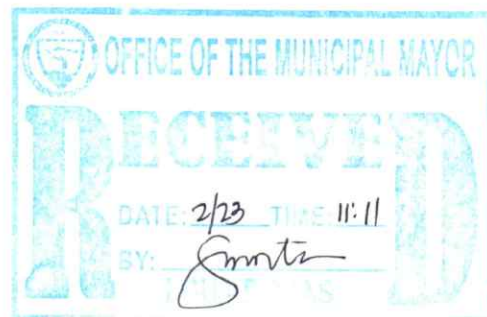
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