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MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 44TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 9TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 03 JULY 2017, 1:45 P. M. AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

Present:

Vice Mayor Jackson Cinco Dy	- Presiding Officer
Councilor Cesar T. Batteos	- Member
Councilor Juanito A. Bacay, Jr.	- Member
Councilor David D. De La Cruz	- Member
Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
Councilor Agustin L. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Ruel S. Taytay	- Member
Councilor Eduardo K. Soriano	- Member
Councilor Gualberto V. Magno	- Member
Councilor Joseph M. Galicia	- President, Liga ng mga Barangay

Absent : NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05
Series of 2017

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING JANUARY 25 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS THE CELEBRATION OF SIPAG FESTIVAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO AND PROVIDING A PLANNING COMMITTEE AND FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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WHEREAS, the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, named after former president Manuel Acuña Roxas, was declared a separate municipality from Mansalay in October 15, 1948 through Executive Order No. 181 which was signed by President Elpidio Quirino;

WHEREAS, the municipality has a large percentage of land dedicated to agricultural practice and is known for its position as a trade center in the southern part of Oriental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, the main source of income within the municipality is agriculture, with more than half of the local labor force being employed in farming, fishing and other agriculturally related occupations;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the hard work of Roxaseños and agricultural harvest known as "Sipag Festival" began in January 25, 2007;

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WHEREAS, Roxas's "Sipag Festival" has since been recognized as a cultural festival by the National Commission for Culture and Arts, and has since received funding from the organization for organizing festivities;

WHEREAS, Sipag Festival is a recognition and respect to the history of the people of Roxas, its bountiful agricultural products, culture and tradition;

WHEREAS, the declaration of SIPAG as the official festival of the Municipality of Roxas and celebrating it every January 25th of every year is imperative and necessary for purposes of funding and official registration to concerned government agencies.

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Sipag Festival" Ordinance.

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It shall be the declared policy of the municipality that January 25 of each year be known as "SIPAG FESTIVAL" to recognize the hard work of Roxasenos and to give thanks and celebrate for a bountiful harvest. Towards this end, the municipality will allocate the necessary funding for the celebration, as well as providing a committee to plan and supervise the festivities.

SECTION 3. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

a) **SIPAG** – a Filipino trait that signifies industriousness and good work
b) **FESTIVAL** – a special time or event which people gather to celebrate
c) **SIPAG FESTIVAL** – a festival that is held annually in the municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro to celebrate the hard work of its citizens and thanksgiving for a good harvest; the word SIPAG is also an abbreviation for agricultural products of the municipality, S standing for Saging (banana), I for Isda (fish), PA for Prutas (fruits) and Palay (rice), and G for Gulay (vegetables).

SECTION 4. **IMPLEMENTING RULE.** The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall lead the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE.** The Municipal Tourism Office shall be in charge of making preparations for the festival.

SECTION 6. **FUNDING.** An amount commensurate to the submitted approved plans and programs for the festival shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget.

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SECTION 7. **EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

On motion of Councilor David D. De la Cruz duly seconded Councilors John John S. Yason, Agustin L. Cusi and Gualberto V. Magno this ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted : 03 July 2017

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

JACKSON C. DY
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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APPROVED:

VIOLETA E. DIMAPILIS
Municipal Mayor
Date: 07-17-2017