



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Guiuan
Guiuan, Eastern Samar



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON October 8, 2025, AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ	Mun. Vice-Mayor Presiding Officer
HON. KINNA MAE G. KWAN	SB Member
HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON	SB Member
HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.	SB Member
HON. DOMINADOR G CHUA, JR.	SB Member
HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR	SB Member
HON. ULDRICK FRANZDALE C. SOMORAY	SB Member

ABSENT:

Official Travel:

HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.	SB Member
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Official Business:

HON. JOSUE P. SISON	SB Member
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Resolution No. 091, Series of 2025

A RESOLUTION

STRONGLY OPPOSING AND DECRYING THE RESOLUTION OF THE SUPREME COURT AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF RTC OF MALABON, BRANCH 170, TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL FISHING INSIDE THE MUNICIPAL WATERS AND JOINING THE CALL TO DEFEND SMALL-SCALE FISHERS AND PROTECT THE MARINE RESOURCES AND LIVELIHOODS OF FAMILIES OF MARGINAL FISHERS.

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 7 of the Philippine Constitution states that “the State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore”;

WHEREAS, the recent decision of the Supreme Court dated August 19, 2024, G.R. No. 270979, which affirmed the Malabon RTC’s decision has far-reaching consequences for coastal municipalities, local fisherfolks and marine ecosystem;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that our coastal and marine resources are already depleted due to overfishing and allowing commercial fishing operations in the municipal waters will only aggravate the declining stock of our coastal fisheries resources;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Governments need appropriate management measures to ensure the sustainability of the resources for future use and not further the exploitation of fisheries resources in our municipal waters;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Guiuan is joining the call for the Supreme Court to reverse its decision and for the government to protect the constitutionally prescribed preferential right of municipal fisherfolk to municipal waters and the jurisdiction granted to coastal LGUs to manage and protect these resources;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr., duly seconded by Hon. Kinna Mae G. Kwan and Hon. Antonia R. Cablao;

BE IT RESOLVED, As It Is Hereby Resolved, to Strongly Oppose and Decry the Resolution of the Supreme Court Affirming the Decision of RTC of Malabon, Branch 170 to Allow Commercial Fishing Inside the Municipal Waters and Joining the Call to Defend Small-Scale Fishers and Protect the Marine Resources and Livelihoods of Families of Marginal Fishers.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: October 8, 2025, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.


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SB Member

President – SK Federation

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution:

Rectito A. Melquiades
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Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

Veronica C. Ramirez
HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ

Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer