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Province of Eastern Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN
-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-



12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Ordinance No. 023, Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING
THE COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION PROGRAM OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL
MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN,
EASTERN SAMAR**

Sponsored by: HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.

(Co-Sponsors: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means Ordinances and Legal Matters)

WHEREAS, the community reintegration program of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) aims to provide comprehensive support and resources to former Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) transitioning back to the society, promoting their successful reintegration and reducing recidivism rates;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units shall provide resources such as vocational trainings, educational opportunities, mental health support and community reintegration programs to help former PDLs build the necessary skills and confidence to successfully reintegrate into the society;

WHEREAS, these programs shall focus on fostering positive relationships between ex- inmates and their families, friends, and community members, creating a network of support that encourages their successful reintegration into the community;

WHEREAS, through local community reintegration initiatives, the Local Government of Guiuan aims to empower former PDLs with the tools and support they need to lead a productive and fulfilling life, contributing to a safer and more cohesive society as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the “**THE 2026 MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION ORDINANCE OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR**”.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall be constructed in its functional definition, to wit:

- a. **Bureau of Corrections (BuCor)** – shall refer to the agency in-charge of safekeeping and instituting reformation programs to national inmates sentenced to more than three (3) years;
- b. **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)** – shall refer to the agency directed to supervise and control municipal jails;
- c. **Classification** - shall refer to the matter of categorizing inmates according to certain parameters, such as security risks, crimes committed, age, health, among others;
- d. **Inmate**- shall refer to a person, also called Person Deprived of Liberty (PDL), confined to all prison facilities to serve sentence or for safekeeping;
- e. **Participant**- shall refer to a former inmate qualified for the reintegration program of the municipality;
- f. **Prison**- shall refer to a penal establishment, also known as penal colony, under the control and supervision of the Bureau of Corrections;
- g. **Recidivism**- shall refer to a person's relapse into criminal behavior, often after the person receives sanctions or undergoes intervention for a previous crime;
- h. **Reformation**- shall refer to the rehabilitation component of the Bureau of Corrections' present corrections system. It shall refer to the acts that ensure the public (including families of inmates and their victims) that released national inmates are no longer harmful to the community by becoming reformed individuals prepared to live a normal and productive life upon reintegration to the mainstream society;
- i. **Safekeeping**- shall refer to the custodial component of the Bureau of Corrections' present corrections system. It shall refer to the acts that ensures the public (including families of inmates and their victims) that national inmates are provided with their basic needs, completely incapacitated from further committing criminal acts, and have been totally cut off from their criminal networks (or contacts in the free society) while serving sentence inside the premises of the national penitentiary. This act also includes protection against illegal organized armed groups which have the capacity of launching an attack on any prison camp of the national penitentiary to rescue their convicted comrade or to forcibly amass firearms issued to prison guards.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL REINTEGRATION TASK FORCE.
A task force shall be established through an Executive Order issued by the Local Chief Executive, comprising of representatives from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Local Government Unit, Philippine National Police, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Civil Society Organizations, and relevant stakeholders to oversee and coordinate community reintegration efforts. The Task Force shall have the functions not limited to the following:

- a. Develop individual case management plans of each participant, outlining specific goals, interventions, and timelines to guide their reintegration process effectively;
- b. Submit a comprehensive report on the programs or plans undertaken as may be required;
- c. Conduct a thorough assessment of available community resources such as job training programs, educational and vocational services, mental health services, sports and recreational activities, religious and counselling services, or housing options, among others, to ensure a comprehensive support network program for the participants; and
- d. Perform such other functions as it may be deemed necessary for the effective implementation of this ordinance, consistent with national laws and policies.

SECTION 4. AFTERCARE AND RELEASE PROGRAMS. Aftercare and release programs shall be designed to assist former inmates in adjusting to life outside of jail and help them reintegrate into their communities. The Local Government Unit shall collaborate with various government agencies, non-government organizations and private sectors to ensure smooth transition of former PDL's of the municipality. Aftercare programs shall include the following:

- a. Job placement programs, vocational and livelihood trainings, and partnerships with local businesses to facilitate employment opportunities for the participant's reintegration into the community.
- b. Access to educational opportunities, adult learning programs and skills development courses to enhance the participant's knowledge and employability upon post-release; and
- c. Financial literacy workshops to help the participant make informed financial decisions and achieve economic stability.

SECTION 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES. The Local Government Unit through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall organize community engagement activities, workshops and awareness campaigns, provide information, education, and communication (IEC) materials, and facilitate community service projects and volunteer opportunities to engage local residents, businesses, and organizations in supporting the municipal reintegration program and fostering a welcoming community environment.

SECTION 6. DATA MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Local Government Unit, through the Task Force, shall establish a system for monitoring program outcomes, tracking participant's progress, and evaluating the effectiveness of community reintegration efforts to inform continuous improvement and evidence -based decision making.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. The Local Government Unit, through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall allocate the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

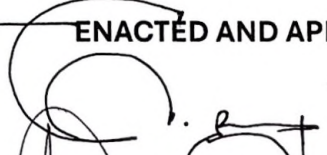
SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Municipal Reintegration Task Force shall formulate the Implementing Rules (IRR) necessary for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

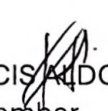
SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions hereof not affected by such declaration shall continue to be in full force and effect.

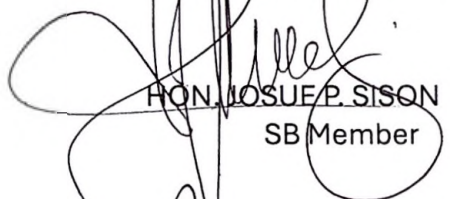
SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. Pertinent provisions of all other ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and compliance to the posting and/or publication requirements of the Local Government Code.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: April 29, 2026, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

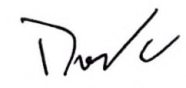

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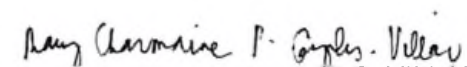

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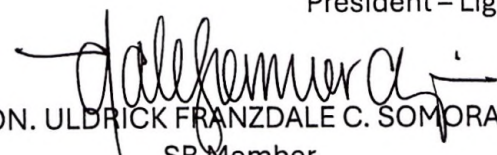

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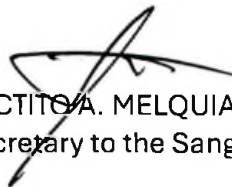

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I certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanggunian during its 44th regular session held on April 29, 2026:



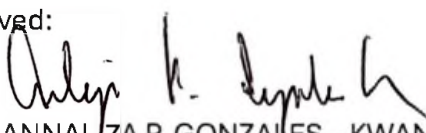
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