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Date: February 10, 2014 – 2:55 P.M.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

HON. EDWARD MARK L. MACIAS
Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
Present



HON. LILAND ZOILA B. ESTACION	- Present	HON. ERWIN MICHAEL L. MACIAS	- Present
HON. JESSICA JANE V. KOPPIN	- Present	HON. MA. ANTONIA E. VILLEGAS	- Present
HON. MELLIEMOORE M. SAYCON	- OB Cebu	HON. GEORGITA F. MARTINEZ	- Present
HON. CLAYBORNE CLYDE L. LIM	- Present	HON. PEVE O. LIGAN	- O.B.
HON. EDMUND F. DY	- Present	HON. ROMMEL L. ERAMES	- Present
HON. ARNOLFO A. TEVES, JR. (LNMB)	- Present	HON. CHESTER V. LIM (PCL)	- Present

RESOLUTION NO. 45

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Co-Author: Hon. Chester V. Lim

“WHEREAS, when the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Industry started gaining momentum in the early 2000s, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Negros Oriental Provincial Office began to promote Dumaguete City and Negros Oriental an ICT Investment Destination;

“WHEREAS, the presence of a sizable pool of graduates and skilled individuals in Dumaguete City, a University Town, as well as the availability of an excellent telecommunications infrastructure, were major requirements that Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) companies could find in Negros Oriental;

“WHEREAS, the active promotion of DTI-Negros Oriental, the availability of a skilled and highly trainable talent pool, and a robust telecommunications infrastructure, all led to the first major BPO company, SPi Publishing, to set up in the Municipality of Bacong, Negros Oriental in July 2004 with less than 20 employees;

“WHEREAS, the location of a BPO at that time in a little-known, fourth-class municipality in a small corner of the Visayas became a successful example for such businesses to locate outside Metro Manila and Cebu City;

“WHEREAS, the Province now hosts at least 6 PEZA-accredited IT Parks and IT buildings;

“WHEREAS, in just a span of ten (10) years, the ICT Industry grew to more than ten (10) BPO companies offering voice and non-voice services in customer service management, animation, architectural design, software development, web development, multi-media and publishing;

“WHEREAS, these BPO companies are some of the best examples of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and have invested several hundred million pesos in buildings, equipment, and manpower;

“WHEREAS, the number of those directly employed in the industry is now close to 8,000 individuals;

“WHEREAS, the remuneration of these employees, on top of the spending of BPOs and ICT companies for food, housing, transport, entertainment, technology, tourism, and services, has encouraged the growth and expansion of businesses and is estimated to have resulted in at least 16,000 jobs or twice the number directly employed in the industry;

“WHEREAS, these BPOs and ICT companies, as well as the Schools that educate and prepare the Human Talent, and relying on the partnership of DTI, DOST, TESDA, and other National Government Agencies, organized into an association called the ICT Association of Dumaguete and Negros Oriental Inc. (ICT DGTE) in 2009;

“WHEREAS, an objective of ICT DGTE is to help push for the development of Negros Oriental as an investment destination to grow the industry by 12% annually;

“WHEREAS, ICT DGTE has lined up a series of activities and events starting this January leading up to July 2014, to commemorate the 10th year of the ICT Industry in Negros Oriental;

“NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Member Chester V. Lim, seconded by Honorable Member Ma. Antonia E. Villegas, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

“RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to recognize the achievements of both the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as the Information and Communication Technology Association of Dumaguete and Negros Oriental Inc. (ICT DGTE) in promoting the ICT industry in Negros Oriental;

“RESOLVES FURTHER, To enact the following Ordinance:

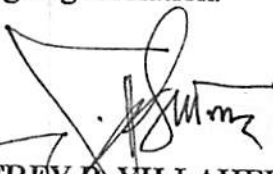
ORDINANCE NO. 47
(Series of 2014)


“Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that:

Section 1. July 2014 is hereby declared as ICT Month in the Province of Negros Oriental.


“Enacted, February 10, 2014.”

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


GEOFFREY P. VILLAHERMOSA
Provincial Secretary *mel*


EDWARD MARK L. MACIAS, M.D.
Vice Governor of Negros Oriental
Presiding Officer *EM*

ORIGINAL FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPROVAL:


ROEL R. DEGAMO
Governor of Negros Oriental

Date: 1 FEB 19 2014