

Republic of the Philippines

Province of Iloilo

Municipality of Tigbauan

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO ON JULY 9, 2003 AT 9:05 A.M.

PRESENT:

HON. ALFONSITO E. ESTOCE,	Councilor & Temporary Presiding Officer
HON. AGATON O. TUMABOTABO,	Councilor
HON. ROMEO T. LEDESMA,	Councilor
HON. REMEDIOS T. TORRATO,	Councilor
HON. FERNANDO M. VALENCIA,	Councilor
HON. GEORGE T. TRIBUNAL,	Councilor
HON. ORVILLE T. TANGENTE,	Pres. Liga nga mga Brgy.
HON. JOSE DONEL T. TRASPORTO,	SKMF-President

ABSENT:

HON. JESSIE G. TERRE,	(Acting Municipal Mayor as per Section 46 of R.A 7160)
HON. CECILIA T. GARRIDO,	Councilor (Sick Leave)
HON. REXFEL G. TRIVILEGIO,	Councilor (OIC-LGU Tigbauan as per Exec. Order No. 19, S. 2003)

Resolution No. 2003-064

RESOLUTION RESEPCTFULLY URGING HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO TO LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF THE DEATH PENALTY AND ORDER THE EXECUTION OF DEATH ROW CONVICTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONVICTED OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND CRIMES RELATED TO ILLEGAL DRUGS

WHEREAS, reports supported by statistics show that **the worst problem now confronting our communities** in particular, and our country in general, **is the creeping menace of drug-related crimes and rampant trafficking of dangerous drugs;**

WHEREAS, the trafficking of dangerous drugs is among **the “heinous crimes” punishable by DEATH** in accordance with our Death Penalty Law, and the provisions of R.A. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002;

WHEREAS, reportedly “... there are 175 local and 13 international drug syndicates operating in the Philippines today, using our country as a major trafficking transshipment point . . .” while engaging in domestic and worldwide distribution dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, it is a good thing to know that our President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, has decided to address this **drug ménage** relentlessly and remorselessly once and for all by giving this **“national security problem”** top priority in her agenda;

WHEREAS, our President has envisioned a **“strong Republic”, BUT with “... 3.4 million Filipinos who are drug users and drug dependents (who are increasing yearly)”, the President’s vision of a strong Republic will go “pffttt” or fizzle out like a sick man’s dream, and one morning we shall wake up to the harsh reality that we have become a country of drug-crazed zombies and weaklings;**

WHEREAS, merely declaring a “total war” against drug trafficking **is not enough if the death penalty is not implemented**, so that the execution of death convicts will serve as example and stern warning to all drug lords, drug pushers, and would-be drug-crazed criminal to STOP, OR ELSE...”

WHEREAS, to paraphrase a famous English writer: **the essence of War against drug pushers is violence, ruthlessness even; while moderation or fitness in this War is an exercise in futility or imbecility;**

WHEREAS, implementing the Death Penalty may be violent and cruel, **but we are cruel INORDER TO BE KIND to the future of our children and grandchildren, in a drug-free and strong Republic of the Philippines;**

NOW, THEREFORE, on Motion of HON. ROMEO LEDESMA, Chairman S.B. Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics, Accountability, & Civil Service and duly seconded by HON. AGATON TUMABOTABO, BE IT

RESOLVED, as we do hereby resolved, to respectfully urge Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, to lift the suspension of the Death Penalty and order the Execution of Death Row Convicts, particularly those convicted of Drugs Trafficking and Crimes Related to Illegal Drugs;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward copies of this Resolution to HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, and to the following concerned Officials/Agencies, for their information and appropriate action to wit:

1. Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.
Supreme Court of the Philippines
2. Senate President Franklin Drilon
3. Speaker Jose de Venecia
House of Representatives
4. Senator Robert Barbers
Chairman, Senate Oversight Committee on Illegal Drugs
5. Secretary Joey Lina
Department of Interior & Local Government (DILG)
6. Director General Anselmo Avenido
Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)
7. Others Concerned

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MARLENE T. NAVA
SB Secretary

ATTESTED:

ALFONSITO E. ESTOCE
Councilor & Temporary Presiding Officer

