



Republic of the Philippines
-Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

DIVISION ADVISORY No. 194, s. 2025

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
this advisory is issued for the information of SDO -Aklan
officials and personnel/staff and all others concerned.
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Attached is the letter from the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Kalibo regarding **Resolution No. 2025-0139, entitled, “A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED)-AKLAN, THROUGH THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI, TO PROMOTE THE STUDY AND PRESERVATION OF THE ORIGINAL ATI-ATIHAN DRUMBEAT IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO”** which was passed and approved by the Kalibo Sangguniang Bayan in its 7th Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall last August 19, 2025.

For your information and guidance.



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan



August 29, 2025

DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent of Aklan
DepEd Aklan
Numancia, Aklan

Dear Dr. Buenafe, Jr.,

We are furnishing you herewith, copy of **Resolution No. 2025-0139, entitled, "A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) – AKLAN, THROUGH THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE., JR. CESO VI, TO PROMOTE THE STUDY AND PRESERVATION OF THE ORIGINAL ATI-ATIHAN DRUMBEAT IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO"**, which was passed and approved by the Kalibo Sangguniang Bayan in its 7th Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall last August 19, 2025 for your information, guidance and/or appropriate action.

Thank you, keep safe and God bless us all.

Very truly yours,

MARK T. SELORIO
Board Secretary II
Acting Sanggunian Secretary

PYK/MTS/emm
08/29/2025



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Aklan
Municipality of Kalibo

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE KALIBO SANGGUNIANG BAYAN PROVINCE OF AKLAN, IN ITS 8TH REGULAR SESSION (2025-2028) HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON AUGUST 26, 2025 AT 2:05 P.M.

PRESENT:

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| Phillip Y. Kimpo Jr. | - Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Ketchie F. Luces | - SB Member |
| Matt Aaron P. Guzman | - SB Member |
| Raymar A. Rebaldo | - SB Member |
| Atty. Christine C. Dela Cruz | - SB Member |
| William T. Lachica, Jr. | - SB Member |
| Engr. Rex A. Bautista | - SB Member |
| Ronald L. Marte | - SB Member |
| Riel Bernardo T. Militar | - SB Member, SK President |
| Neil I. Candelario | - SB Member, Pres. LIGA ng mga Barangay |

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| ABSENT: | Engr. Emerson S. Lachcia | - SB Member (Vacation Leave) |
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"RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0139

Sponsor: SB Member Ronald L. Marte

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) – AKLAN, THROUGH THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO VI, TO PROMOTE THE STUDY AND PRESERVATION OF THE ORIGINAL ATI-ATIHAN DRUMBEAT IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO

WHEREAS, the Ati-Atihan Festival is one of the most historically significant and culturally rich festivals in the Philippines, originating in the Municipality of Kalibo and celebrated in honor of the Santo Niño; it is widely known for its tribal music, colorful costumes, street dancing, and especially the distinctive and rhythmic Ati-Atihan drumbeat that has become an iconic symbol of Aklanon heritage;

WHEREAS, the original Ati-Atihan drumbeat, characterized by its unique tempo and pattern, is not merely a musical element but a cultural expression that embodies the traditions, spiritual devotion, and communal spirit of the Aklanon people; preserving its authentic form is vital in maintaining the integrity of the festival and the identity of the community;

WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been growing concerns about the gradual alteration and loss of the traditional drumbeat due to modernization and commercialization of festival practices, underscoring the urgent need to safeguard and transmit this intangible cultural heritage to future generations;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd), as the primary government agency responsible for formal education, plays a strategic role in promoting cultural awareness, heritage appreciation, and nationalism among Filipino learners, and can integrate local traditions into educational and extracurricular programs;

WHEREAS, by promoting the study and practice of the original Ati-Atihan drumbeat in both public and private schools within Kalibo, students will not only gain appreciation for their local culture, but also actively participate in its preservation, thereby strengthening their connection to their roots and encouraging intergenerational continuity of Aklanon traditions;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, upon motion made by Sangguniang Bayan Member Ronald L. Marte, duly seconded, be it RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED to respectfully request the Department of Education (DEPED) – Aklan, through the schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Feliciano C. Buenafe Jr., CESO VI, to promote the study and preservation of the original Ati-Atihan drumbeat in all public and private schools in the Municipality of Kalibo;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Education (DEPED)-Aklan through Dr. Feliciano C. Buenafe Jr., CESO VI, Schools Division Superintendent. Address: Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan;

APPROVED, this 26th day of August, 2025 at Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines."

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above stated Resolution as to form.

MARK T. SELORIO
Board Secretary II
Acting SB Secretary

Attested:

PHILLIP Y. KIMPO JR.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer