



**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
NEGROS ORIENTAL PROVINCIAL
COMMISSION ON WOMEN**

*Province of Negros Oriental
(Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2001)*

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

Date: November 15, 2001-3:00 P.M.

Classification: Regular Session

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

HON. JOSE A. BALDADO
Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
Present

HON. ERNESTO T. TIJING	- Absent
HON. EDMUND T. NALAM	- Present
HON. MARCELO G. ADANZA	- Present
HON. JOSELITO V. PARAS	- OB Tagaytay
HON. LORENZO C. DY	- Present
HON. ERWIN MICHAEL L. MACIAS	- Absent
HON. NAPOLEON E. VILLEGAS, JR.	- Present
HON. MA. ANTONIA E. VILLEGAS	- Present
HON. LUISA A. VILLEGAS	- Present
HON. ARTURO V. UMBAC	- Present
HON. ROLANDO O. GAGA-A (LNMS)	- Present
HON. JUAN MIGUEL G. ROMERO (SK)	- Present
HON. LEE F. DY (PCL)	- Present

RESOLUTION NO. 582

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"On motion of Honorable Member Ma. Antonia E. Villegas, seconded by Honorable Member Luisa A. Villegas and Honorable Juan Miguel G. Romero, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in session duly assembled, resolved to enact the following ordinance.

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ARTICLE I

The Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women

Section 1. *Creation of the Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women.* Under the Office of the Governor, there shall be created the Negros Oriental Commission on Women hereinafter to be called NOPCW specifically to implement the provision of the Negros Oriental Gender and Development Code. It shall also be the coordinating, regulatory and monitoring office of the Province of Negros Oriental which shall focus on gender-related projects and activities.

Section 2. *The Secretariat of the Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women.* The Secretariat of the NOPCW shall process documentation and keep records of the Commission. The Province of Negros Oriental shall provide staff and office space for this Commission in order to implement the provisions of the Gender and Development Code of Negros Oriental.

Section 3. *The Functions of the Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women.* This Commission shall have the following to ensure consistency in the implementation of the Provisions of the Negros Oriental Gender and Development Code.

- a.) **Consciousness-raising Function.** It shall be the function of the NOPCW to initiate the appointment of focal points for women in every government office, commission, department, agency, legislative process and mechanism. The focal points for women shall be given the appropriate so they could in turn conduct training seminars, workshops, and others, towards the raising of public consciousness about the status of women and their rights.
- b.) **Coordinative Function.** The NOPCW shall coordinate with any and all organizations with similar tasks and appropriations in local, national and international offices, agencies and organizations and their instrumentalities so as to realize the aims and interest of the Negros Oriental Gender and Development Code.

c.) **Monitoring Function.** This function shall ensure that the implementation of the Negros Oriental Gender and Development Code yields realistic, measurable and tangible results in accordance with global standards and directions. The tools and mechanisms the Commission shall use, may include, but are not limited to:

1. **Gender Watch.** A system of services and facilities such as the development and gender disaggregated database that would monitor the status of women in the Province in all departments and agencies therein and shall be developed based on practical methodologies for incorporating gender perspectives into all aspects of policy-making.
2. **Legal Aid Services.** Legal aid services shall be assured to all women especially those in distress.
3. **Advocacy and Campaigns.** A coordinated advocacy and campaign against all forms of discrimination and violence against women shall be established.
4. **Sustainable and Gender-sensitive Project Development.** A system, to appraise projects and activities concerning the local economy, politics, culture and the ecosystem shall be set-up to determine their educational and technological impact on women.
5. **Promotion of Gender-sensitivity and Non-violence in Media.** Tri-media shall be encouraged to promote gender-sensitivity and non-violence in their various outlets through training programs.

d.) **Regulatory Function.** This function shall include the establishment of protocols and standards relevant to the following concerns:

1. **Psychological Support Program.** A holistic and indigenous approach to assisting women with social problems including attending to their physical, biological, emotional, psychological and social needs, shall be set

- up. Indicators of program performance shall be established by the Commission.
2. It shall be involved in all the processes related to the conceptualization, development, assessment and evaluation of population and gender and development and advocacy programs of the Provincial Government.
 3. It shall formulate and propose pertinent ordinances to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the achievement of NOPCW objectives.

Section 4. *Composition.* The Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women shall be composed of the Provincial Governor as Chairperson. The Governor shall appoint a co-chairperson from among the NGO members. Its members shall include:

- a.) Chairperson of the Committee on Women in the Provincial Board
- b.) Representative of the Media
- c.) Representative of the Provincial Councilors League
- d.) Representative of the Provincial Federation of Rural Improvement Club
- e.) Representative of the Provincial Federation of Barangay Health Workers
- f.) Representative of the Department of the Interior and Local Government
- g.) Representative of the Department of Agrarian Reform
- h.) Representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- i.) Representative of the Department of Trade and Industry
- j.) Representative of the Provincial Planning and Development Office
- k.) Representative of the Provincial Health Office
- l.) Representative of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development
- m.) Representative of the Department of Labor and Employment
- n.) Representative of the Philippine National Police
- o.) Representative of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay

- p.) Representative of the Provincial Federation of Senior Citizens
- q.) Representative of the Mayors League
- r.) Representative of the Federation of the Day Care Workers
- s.) Representative of the Federation International De Abogadas
- t.) Representative of Women Organizations
- u.) Representative of SU Center for Women Studies
- v.) Representative of Bantay Bata

Section 5. *Meetings.* The Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women shall meet once a month and hold special meetings when necessary. The presence of seven of its members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business.

Section 6. *Funding.* The Province of Negros Oriental shall include in its annual budget funds for the Negros Oriental Provincial Commission on Women in accordance with RA 7192 otherwise known as "Women In Nation-Building Act" for its operation and proper implementation of its functions.

"Enacted, November 15, 2001."

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted resolution

(Sgd.) GEOFFREY P. VILLAHERMOSA
Board Secretary IV - OIC

(Sgd.) JOSE A. BALDADO
Vice Governor of Negros Oriental
Presiding Officer

ORIGINAL FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPROVAL:

(Sgd.) GEORGE P. ARNAIZ
Governor of Negros Oriental

