

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-198

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER
NAGA CITY, CAMARINES SUR AS THE SITE FOR ITS REGIONAL MUSEUM
GIVEN THE CITY'S READINESS AND ITS HISTORIC PAST, STRATEGIC
LOCATION AND VITAL ROLE IN THE BICOL REGION:-**

Proponents:

Hon. David Casper Nathan A. Sergio
CYO Councilor Renan Joseph P. Ortua, Jr.

WHEREAS, Naga City is apt and ready to be the site of a Regional Museum, it being touted as the cradle of arts and culture in the Bicol Region and an office dedicated for culture and the arts have been established by the City Government of Naga;

WHEREAS, in Naga, there are NGOs and private organization partners that are very active on matters of heritage preservation anchored in the prehistory, history, culture and the arts in the region;

WHEREAS, there are suitable sites for adaptive reuse, located right at the downtown Naga, that can be made available for a Regional Museum purposes; a particular site, with a continuous occupation from circa AD 1500 to early 1900s, while privately owned, has been idle for several years already and contains two Spanish-period buildings ruined by time and nature;

WHEREAS, Naga City, formerly Ciudad de Nueva Caceres, is the third oldest royal city in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Naga City, dubbed as "The Heart of Bicol", is strategically located in the region and it is within Camarines Sur province where one-third of the region's population resides; it is the hub of transportation and the center of education, trade and commerce in the Bicol Region;

WHEREAS, Naga City is also the religious center, hosting annually the regional Marian feast in honor of the Virgin of Peñafrancia, endearingly called INA by Bikolanos;

WHEREAS, locating the Regional Museum in Naga City, will enhance the goal of the National Museum to empower the regional museums to be independent and credible in acquisition, documentation, preservation and exhibition of works of arts, natural history specimens, cultural materials, historical and archaeological artifacts through proper research; it will also optimize the National Museum's advocacies and programs, as most regional and provincial print and broadcast media outlets are located in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, on joint motion of Hon. David Casper Nathan A. Sergio and CYO Councilor Renan Joseph P. Ortua, Jr., duly seconded by Hon. Elmer S. Baldemoro and Hon. Mila S.D. Raquid-Arroyo;

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BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to request the National Museum to favorably consider Naga City, Camarines Sur as the site for its Regional Museum given the city's readiness and its historic location and vital role in the Bicol Region;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to authorize exploratory talks and negotiations with the National Museum and other concerned individuals and organizations, with the end view of bringing and operationalizing the Regional Museum in Naga City, subject to Sanggunian ratification of any agreement entered into by the parties;

LET COPIES of this resolution be furnished the Acting City Mayor, for his concurrence; and Mr. Jeremy Barns, Executive Director, National Museum of the Philippines, for his information and appropriate action; and the Nueva Caceres Heritage Movement, Inc., for its information.

APPROVED:

Adopted: May 19, 2015

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
SangguniangPanlungsod

GABRIEL H. BORDADO JR.
Acting City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer

CONCURRED:

NELSON S. LEGACION
Acting City Mayor