



*Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
Municipality of Lasam*



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**1st Regular Session
September 7, 2026**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
OF LASAM, CAGAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2026, 9:00 A.M., MONDAY,
AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

Present :

Hon. Dannah Paula T. Agatep, Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Renato R. Paat Jr., SB Member
Hon. Randy C. Cambe, SB Member
Hon. Reynaldo A. Viernes, SB Member
Hon. Wilson F. Constantino, SB Member
Hon. Felix V. Gerardo Jr., SB Member
Hon. Lilibeth Barut-del Rosario, SB Member
Hon. Emmanuel F. Agatep, SB Member
Hon. Joann Kasten V. Asuten, SB Member
Hon. Dominador T. Cortez Jr., LnB Federation President
Hon. Jilton B. Pascual, SK Federation President

Absent :

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-126

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LASAM, CAGAYAN FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH, AND URGING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MUNICIPAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes that mental health is an essential component of the overall health and well-being of every individual and that mental health concerns may affect persons regardless of age, gender, social status, or circumstance;

WHEREAS, September is observed as Suicide Prevention Month, providing an important opportunity to raise awareness, reduce stigma, promote help-seeking behavior, and strengthen community-based efforts to prevent suicide;

WHEREAS, during a regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan, the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President delivered a privilege speech calling attention to the importance of suicide prevention and mental health awareness among the youth;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan acknowledges that suicide prevention is not solely a health concern but a shared responsibility requiring the participation and cooperation of the local government, health professionals, schools, youth organizations, families, civil society organizations, and the community as a whole;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the need to establish safe and supportive spaces where individuals, particularly young people, may openly discuss their emotional and mental health concerns without fear of discrimination, stigma, or judgment;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan considers the privilege speech a timely and meaningful call for collective action and recognizes the need to translate the concerns raised therein into concrete, sustained, and institutionalized local government programs;

NOW THEREFORE,

on joint motion of all members present, it was;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to EXPRESS ITS FULL SUPPORT to the privilege speech delivered by the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President concerning Suicide Prevention Month and the urgent need to strengthen mental health awareness and suicide prevention efforts in the Municipality of Lasam;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to recognize and support the call to make suicide prevention and mental health promotion a continuing commitment of the Municipality, and not merely an annual campaign observed during the month of September;

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to URGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MUNICIPAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM, consistent with applicable national laws, policies, standards, and guidelines, and responsive to the needs of the residents of Lasam, particularly children, adolescents, and the youth;

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to encourage the Municipal Health Services Office, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Local Youth Development Office, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, schools and other concerned offices and stakeholders to coordinate in developing and implementing appropriate mental health promotion, suicide prevention, and community awareness activities;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to encourage the conduct of information and education campaigns that will promote awareness of mental health, recognize warning signs of emotional distress, reduce stigma, encourage responsible help-seeking, and inform the public of available mental health and crisis support services;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipal Health Services Office, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Local Youth Development Office, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, Department of Education-Lasam Districts, and other concerned offices and agencies for their information, appropriate action, and support.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.


FEDERICO O. CASTRO
OIC, Sanggunian Bayan Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. DANNAH PAULA T. AGATEP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. DANTE DEXTER A. AGATEP JR.
Municipal Mayor