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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, SUNRISE, ISABELA CITY, BASILAN, ON AUGUST 7, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. Jashim I. Tiplani	Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Jeromy L. Casas	Floor Leader
Hon. Yusop I. Abubakar	Asst. Floor Leader
Hon. Alexis I. Ututalum	Member
Hon. Asan Al-Ameen S. Camlian	Member
Hon. Karel Annjaiza R. Sakkalahul	Member
Hon. Abral G. Abdurahman	Member (President, Liga ng Barangay)
Hon. Naila S. Belleng	Member (SK Fed. President)

ABSENT:

Hon. Ar-Jhemar K. Ajibon	Presiding Officer (OIC, Office of the City Mayor)
Hon. James Abner S. Rodriguez	Member
Hon. Sara S. Ismael	Member
Hon. Khaleedsher M. Asarul	Member
Hon. Haizer I. Salain	Member

RESOLUTION NO. 25-7156

APPROVED: AUGUST 7, 2025


SPONSORED BY: HONORABLE YUSOP I. ABUBAKAR

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS (NCMF) REGION IX, THROUGH DIRECTOR RHOAISA S. MATOLO-MUKARAM, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, TO ESTABLISH A HALAL DESK IN THE CITY OF ISABELA, BASILAN PROVINCE, TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL INCLUSIVITY, FACILITATE THE CERTIFICATION, REGULATION, AND PROMOTION OF HALAL GOODS, PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND FOSTER SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, TRADE COMPETITIVENESS, AND SOCIAL EQUITY.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution guarantees the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, including the right of Muslim communities to observe dietary laws and religious practices, such as the consumption and production of HALAL-Certified goods and services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9997 otherwise known as the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) Act of 2009, "mandates the NCMF to promote and develop the economic, cultural, and social well-being of Muslim Filipinos, which includes the development and institutionalization of the HALAL industry;

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WHEREAS, Section 8, Article IV of RA No. 9997 expressly authorizes the NCMF to accredit HALAL-certifying bodies, to formulate and implement programs that promote HALAL production and trade and to ensure that such activities are compliant with national and international standards;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 46, series of 2018, institutionalized the Philippine HALAL Export Development and Promotion Program recognizing the strategic role of HALAL in inclusive economic development, especially in Mindanao and Muslim –populated regions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11032 or the “Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018,” calls on all government agencies and instrumentalities, including the NCMF, to adopt simplified processes and decentralized service delivery, including HALAL certification and regulation;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), under Section 16 (General Welfare Clause), empowers local government units to collaborate with national agencies to promote the general welfare of their constituents, including support for religious, cultural, and economic empowerment;

WHEREAS, Isabela City, Basilan, is home to substantial population of Muslim Filipinos and local entrepreneurs who observe Islamic principles in trade, food, manufacturing, services, and other economic endeavors, hence the necessity of local access to HALAL certification and advisory services;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a HALAL Desk in the City of Isabela by the NCMF would bring the following benefits:

- Serve as the official conduit of NCMF in processing and endorsing HALAL certification applications in the locality;
- Provide direct technical assistance to local businesses, processors, and service providers on HALAL standards and compliance;
- Coordinate with HALAL-certifying bodies, the DTI, DA, FDA, and other relevant institution to promote integrated service delivery;
- Strengthen the presence of NCMF at the grassroots level and institutionalize Muslim religious and economic rights through decentralized public service;

WHEREAS, such initiative will contribute to religious inclusivity, entrepreneurial empowerment, cultural respect, and economic competitiveness, and will position Isabela City as HALAL-compliant business hub within the Bangsamoro region and ASEAN HALAL market.

NOW, WHEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor Yusop I. Abubakar, duly seconded by members present,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Isabela, Province of Basilan, respectfully requests the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) Region IX, through Director Rhoaisa S. Matolo-Mukaram, Regional Director, to establish a HALAL Desk



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in the City of Isabela, Basilan Province, to promote religious and cultural inclusivity, facilitate the certification, regulation, and promotion of HALAL goods, products, services, and foster sustainable economic growth, trade competitiveness, and social equity.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Government of Isabela shall express its readiness to provide logistical and institutional support, such as space, coordination personnel, and operational assistance, to facilitate the efficient establishment of the HALAL Desk in the City.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (Central and Regional Offices), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Office of the City Mayor, and the City Planning and Development Coordinator for appropriate information and action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MA. CRISTINA VILLAROSA-TINDICK
Local Legislative Staff Officer V
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

JASHIM I. TIPLANI
Member
Temporary Presiding Officer



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