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City of Isabela

Province of Basilan

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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 MARCH 13, 2025.

PRESENT:

Hon. Karel Annjaiza R. Sakkalahul	Temporary Presiding Officer
Hon. Jhul Kifli L. Salliman	Presiding Officer
Hon. James Abner S. Rodriguez	Temporary Floor Leader
Hon. Karel Annjaiza R. Sakkalahul	Member
Hon. Ar-Jhemar K. Ajibon	Member
Hon. Alan Ritchie Luis B. Biel	Member
Hon. Bimbo E. Epping	Member
Hon. Jeromy L. Casas	Member
Hon. Yusop I. Abubakar	Member
Hon. Mary May B. Julhari	Member (IPMR)
Hon. Abral G. Abdurahman	Member (President Liga ng Barangay)
Hon. Naila S. Belleng	Member (SK Fed. President)

ABSENT:

Hon. Candu I. Muarip	Floor Leader
Hon. Alha-Zim S. Akbar	Member
Hon. Khaleedsher M. Asarul	Member

RESOLUTION NO. 25-7096

APPROVED: March 13, 2025

SPONSORED BY: HONORABLE JAMES ABNER S. RODRIGUEZ

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MR. RICHARD HEYDARIAN PERSONA NON GRATA IN ISABELA CITY, BASILAN PROVINCE, FOR MAKING DEROGATORY AND DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT MINDANAO.

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Heydarian, a political analyst, made the following statement: "I come from the north of the country where our human development index is almost Southern Europe. But if you go to Mindanao their human development index is Sub-Saharan African level";

WHEREAS, this statement demonstrates a profound lack of understanding and respect for the people of Mindanao, including those of Isabela City;

WHEREAS, such remarks are not only factually inaccurate but also perpetuate harmful stereotypes that undermine the dignity and progress of Mindanaoan communities;



WHEREAS, the citizens of Isabela City, Basilan Province, take great offense to these elitist, racist, and ignorant statements, which disregard the rich culture, resilience, and potential of the region.

WHEREAS, the said statement has caused deep hurt and indignation among the residents of Isabela City, Basilan, and the broader Mindanao region.

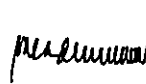
NOW, WHEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor James Abner S. Rodriguez, duly seconded by Councilor Yusop I. Abubakar.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan, declare Mr. Richard Heydarian persona non-grata in Isabela City, Basilan Province, for making derogatory and disparaging remarks about Mindanao.


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:


KAREL ANNJAIZA R. SAKKALAHUL
Temporary Presiding Officer
SP Member

