

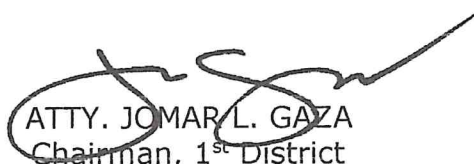


REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE


345	Draft Ordinance No. <u>5</u>, series of 2022 , entitled, "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS ENGLISH COMPETENCY WEEK IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN."
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This proposed ordinance was discussed by this Committee during its meeting on 07 September 2022, wherein comments and suggestions were made. Given this, a second draft was finalized wherein suggestions made were factored in. During the second committee meeting held on 14 September 2022, the committee found the said second draft to be acceptable. A copy of the same is herewith.

The Committee was unanimous in finding that this 2nd draft of the proposed ordinance is noble and will achieve the intended ends. Given the foregoing, it is recommending the adoption of the proposed ordinance, as revised.


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Ordinance No. _____
Series of 2022**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS ENGLISH COMPETENCY WEEK IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN.**

WHEREAS, the Philippines, in particular, Bataan, has a shared history with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article XIV, of the Philippine Constitution recognizes English as an official language;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is globally recognized as one of the largest English-speaking nations, where about two-thirds of the population have some degree of fluency in English;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is regarded to have a competitive advantage in certain businesses and industries, for example, the Business Process Outsourcing industry, due to our good command of English;

WHEREAS, English is globally considered a business language;

WHEREAS, in the last 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment, 15-year-old Filipino students ranked last in Reading Comprehension, revealing lack of proficiency in English;

WHEREAS, in the Education First English Proficiency Index, the Philippines's rank dropped from 20th in 2019 to 27th in 2020;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., in his State of the Nation Address, pointed out the need to improve our English proficiency;

WHEREAS, with the impending construction of the bridge linking Cavite to Bataan, Bataan is positioned to be an investment haven for foreign investors, underscoring the need for increased English proficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in Regular Session Assembled:

Section 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "English Competency Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose. – This Ordinance aims to raise awareness of the importance of attaining or improving English proficiency; grow interest in the use of English; and promote further use of English.

Section 3. English Competency Week Program. – The Provincial Government of Bataan shall formulate a program and plan of activities, such as but not limited to staging debates, declamation and essay-writing contests, public speaking and writing workshops, and discussion forums in English, to celebrate the English Competency Week. The Provincial Government of Bataan shall collaborate with local government units, government agencies and instrumentalities, and the private sector – as needed.

Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Provincial Government of Bataan, is directed to formulate Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to enforce this Ordinance. The IRR shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for approval not later than thirty (30) days from passage of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Appropriations. - The Provincial Government of Bataan, shall subject to the availability of funds, cause the appropriation or allocation of funds necessary to

efficiently and effectively carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, and to include therein all necessary operational or program support expenditures.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. – All Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders, Memoranda, and Other Issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby altered, amended, or repealed accordingly.

Section 7. Separability Clause. – In case any provision of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in force and effect.

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