



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (SP) HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, EAST POBLACION, CITY OF NAGA, CEBU ON JULY 26, 2023.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-B-18**

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**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PASTORES DE NAGA AS CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE CITY OF NAGA, CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS PRESERVATION**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As in other communities, towns, cities and provinces, the City of Naga, Cebu and our townspeople, spearheaded by tourism and heritage advocates, have taken inventory of our tangible and intangible heritage.

Our city's heritage, our connection and identification to activities, way of life and attributes of our ancestors – the early inhabitants of Naga, as well as events affecting Nagahanons in the distant and not so distant past, evolve into our identity as a Nagahanon community.

In keeping with the tradition the story of our pride of place – Naga Atong Garbo is not only told in plain narrative but through the visual presence of cultural heritage, among them the PASTORES DE NAGA, that saw witness to the religiosity, cultural arts, talents and skills of Nagahanons especially during advent and Christmas season.

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Thus this representation, in behalf of the more than 135,000 townspeople of Naga, seek to officially declare the PASTORES DE NAGA as Naga's very own cultural heritage, through an appropriate legislative measure.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF NAGA, CEBU IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** - The Ordinance shall be known as the **"PASTORES DE NAGA ORDINANCE"**.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE** - It is the purpose/Objective of this Ordinance for the Local Government of the City of Naga, Cebu to recognize and preserve memorable and priceless cultural properties, visual arts, talents and skills that depict the way of life, religiosity, talent, good traits, business acumen and love of work of the local Nagahanon community's forefathers.

**SECTION 3. PASTORES DE NAGA** - Also known as Pastores Sa Naga traces its roots way back in 1800's, in the present-day Barangay Taghaguimit, City of Naga, Cebu. Pastores De Naga is a combination of song, dance and narration in a unique and artistic way of the Nativity Story or the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The script, dance movements and costumes have been handed down from generations past to the present times. The Pastores De Naga performers can be chanced upon in church, chapels or related advent and Christmas gatherings as part of the unique traditional Christmas celebration of Naga.

**SECTION 4. DECLARATION AS CULTURAL HERITAGE** - The Pastores De Naga is hereby declared a Nagahanon CULTURAL HERITAGE in recognition of its significant role to the lives of Nagahanons of yesteryears up to the present, especially the unique and distinctly Nagahanon tradition of celebrating the Christmas Season.

**SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE** - The City Information and Community Relations Department (CICRD) which is presently responsible for the city's tourism and heritage development shall spearhead the efforts to enable Narsing Requinto to continue her mentorship and train successors for Culture Leadership vis-à-vis Pastores De Naga, as may be endorsed by the City Tourism and Heritage Development Council and approved by the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Subject to the provisions of RA 10066, the City Government of Naga and Barangays Tagjaguimit and Naalad shall develop and motivate Pastores De Naga Culture Leaders and performers.

**SECTION 6. FUNDING** - An amount of not less than one-tenth of one per cent (0.10%) of the City Government of Naga Annual Appropriations shall be allotted to heritage preservation and restoration, from which funding source the pertinent programs, projects and activities related to Pastores De Naga conservation and/or preservation efforts, including Culture Leadership, may be charged subject to procurement laws, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances, resolutions, orders and other related issuances or measures that are contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


**ENACTED BY** the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, Cebu, in its 53<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session held on July 26, 2023.

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
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Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

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APPROVED BY:

  
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7/31/2023