

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD  
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 984  
FEBRUARY 09, 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-758 SERIES OF 2015, ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BACOLOD-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP DAY AS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD".**

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 08-15-758 was passed last September 23, 2015 to strengthen the long standing friendship between Bacolodnons and Japanese through exchanges of cultural knowledge and traditions;

**WHEREAS**, currently the Bacolod-Japan Friendship Day falls on the major Japanese festival which is similar to the Philippines' All Souls Day holiday wherein people are reuniting to celebrate the departed;

**WHEREAS**, the Japanese community in Bacolod City calls for the change of date of the said Friendship Day be celebrated;

**WHEREAS**, the Bacolod City Government aims to move the celebration of the Bacolod Japan friendship Day to mid-March to mid-April to commemorate the Sakura Matsuri Festival which is also one of the major Japanese festivals where most of the Japanese tourists travel to other places;

Now therefore, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of City Ordinance 08-15-758 Series of 2015 which reads:

**SECTION 4. BACOLOD-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP DAY AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION.**

The Bacolod-Japan Friendship Day celebration is henceforth made an annual celebration in the City of Bacolod.

The celebration shall be celebrated between mid-July and mid-August in Bacolod City to coincide with the Obon Matsuri (Japanese Lantern Festival) celebrated in mid-July and mid-August of every year.

shall be amended to read as:

**SECTION 4. BACOLOD-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP DAY AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION.**

The Bacolod-Japan Friendship Day is henceforth made an annual tourism event in the City of Bacolod to be celebrated between mid-March to mid-April of every year to commemorate the Sakura Matsuri (Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival).

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**SECTION 2. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Carlos Jose V. Lopez, Israel P. Salanga, Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Wilson C. Gamboa Jr., Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

Author : Councilor Israel P. Salanga

Passed : February 09, 2022 (136<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Council via Zoom Teleconference)

Comments : Passed.  
Councilors Al Victor A. Espino and Archie S. Baribar were not around when this ordinance was passed.

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EL CIRIACO FAMILARAN  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:

  
**CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA**  
Board Secretary IV

APPROVED:

Feb 23, 2022

  
**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/ngb

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SERVICES SECTION  
DATE: 3/4/2022 TIME: 9AM  
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