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Excerpt from the journal of the 55th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Israel P. Salanga
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos

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RESOLUTION NO. 849
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING THE BACOLOD CITY HEALTH OFFICE (CHO), THE BACOLOD CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (DRRMO) , AND ALL SIXTY-ONE (61) BARANGAYS TO STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTIVE MEASURES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY AGAINST LEPTOSPIROSIS AS THE RAINY SEASON BRINGS HEAVY DOWNPOURS AND POTENTIAL FLOODING.

Upon motion of Councilor Em L. Ang, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, Councilors Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, and Psyche Marie E. Sy, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates Local Government Units to ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the onset of the rainy season brings continuous heavy downpours that can cause sudden and severe localized flooding across various Barangays in Bacolod City, significantly increasing the public's exposure to waterborne and water-related infectious diseases;

WHEREAS, data from the Bacolod City Health Office (CHO) historically records concerning spikes in Leptospirosis cases and associated fatalities during the rainy months, particularly in heavily populated and flood-prone Barangays, with the City recently recording a 225 Percent increase resulting in 13 Cases and Three fatalities in a span of just Four months;

WHEREAS, Leptospirosis is a serious bacterial infection transmitted when floodwaters contaminated with the urine of infected animals, particularly rats, come into contact with human skin through open wounds, cuts, or the eyes, nose, and mouth;

WHEREAS, without immediate medical intervention, Leptospirosis can lead to severe health complications such as kidney damage, meningitis, liver failure, respiratory distress, and even death;

WHEREAS, proactive public health advocacy, massive community awareness, and the pre-positioning of prophylactic medicines such as Doxycycline are highly critical in averting outbreaks and preventing unnecessary casualties;

WHEREAS, a synergized effort between the City Health Office, the Bacolod City DRRMO, and the Barangay Councils is necessary to implement comprehensive preventive measures, which include proper solid waste management, pest control, and the regular declogging of local drainage systems;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. PREPAREDNESS AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN. The Bacolod City Health Office (CHO) is strongly urged to intensify its public health information drive regarding the dangers, symptoms, and prevention of Leptospirosis. The CHO is further urged to ensure the sufficient stockpiling and accessible distribution of prophylactic medicines across all Barangay Health Centers.

SECTION 2. MULTI-SECTORAL COORDINATION. The Bacolod City DRRMO and the CHO are encouraged to establish a coordinated rapid response and monitoring system to identify flood-prone areas and immediately deploy health interventions to exposed residents.

SECTION 3. BARANGAY LEVEL INITIATIVES. All Sixty-One (61) Barangay Councils are strongly urged to conduct regular clean-up drives, implement strict pest control and solid waste management, unclog drainage canals, and actively disseminate health advisories to their constituents to eliminate the breeding grounds of disease-carrying rodents.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to remind all Bacolodnons to avoid wading in floodwaters, to wear protective footwear such as boots if crossing flooded areas is unavoidable, and to seek immediate medical consultation at the nearest Health Center upon exposure to potentially contaminated water.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Office of the City Mayor, the City Health Office (CHO), the Bacolod City DRRMO, the Bacolod Communication Office-Public Information Office (PIO), and the Punong Barangays of all 61 Barangays for their information, guidance, and immediate action.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : N o n e .

Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor was not around when this resolution was passed

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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