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Excerpt from the journal of the 58th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 12, 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 Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen

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RESOLUTION NO. 953
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (DSSD), THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE MAYOR, GREG G. GASATAYA, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THROUGH THE CONGRESSMAN OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD CITY AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, THE HONORABLE ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ, TO IMMEDIATELY EXTEND FOOD, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO FISHERFOLKS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN BACOLOD CITY WHOSE LIVELIHOOD HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT), CONTINUOUS RAINS, ROUGH SEA CONDITIONS, AND THE REPEATED SUSPENSION OR PROHIBITION OF FISHING AND SEA ACTIVITIES DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Upon motion of Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito, jointly seconded by Councilors Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson and Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Bacolod has experienced continuous and intermittent heavy rains brought about by the southwest monsoon, or Habagat, resulting in unfavorable weather and sea conditions that have adversely affected various sectors of the community, particularly fisherfolks whose daily livelihood depends primarily on their ability to venture out to sea and engage in fishing activities;

WHEREAS, due to rough seas, strong winds, heavy rains, and other hazardous weather conditions, the Philippine Coast Guard and other concerned authorities have, on several occasions, suspended or prohibited sea travel and fishing activities in order to protect the lives and safety of fisherfolks and other persons at sea;

WHEREAS, while these suspensions and prohibitions are necessary measures to ensure public safety and prevent loss of life during dangerous weather conditions, they have likewise resulted in the temporary loss or serious reduction of income among small-scale and subsistence fisherfolks who depend on their daily catch to provide food and other basic necessities for their families;

WHEREAS, unlike workers receiving fixed salaries or regular compensation, many fisherfolks operate on a day-to-day and subsistence basis, such that every day they are unable to go to sea translates directly into lost income and diminished capacity to provide food and other essential needs for their households;

WHEREAS, the prolonged and recurring periods of inclement weather have compounded the economic difficulties experienced by affected fisherfolk families, especially those who have little or no alternative source of income during periods when fishing activities are suspended;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution further mandates the State to protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore, and to provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production and marketing assistance, and other services;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991, recognizes the responsibility of Local Government Units to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants and to provide basic services and facilities, including social welfare services and programs for disadvantaged persons and victims of calamities and disasters;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) of the City of Bacolod, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and other concerned National Government Agencies, to assess the situation of affected fisherfolk families and immediately provide appropriate interventions, which may include food packs, financial assistance, emergency or crisis assistance, livelihood support, and other forms of social protection available under existing laws, rules, and government programs;

WHEREAS, assistance should be extended to qualified and verified fisherfolks whose livelihood and income have been adversely affected by the continuous rains, rough sea conditions, and official suspension or prohibition of fishing and sea activities, subject to applicable government rules and validation procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to respectfully request the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), through the Office of the Honorable Mayor Greg G. Gasataya, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Agriculture and other concerned National Government Agencies, through the Congressman of the Lone District of Bacolod City and Deputy Speaker, the Honorable Alfredo Abelardo B. Benitez, to immediately extend food, financial, and other appropriate assistance to fisherfolks and their families in Bacolod City whose livelihood has been adversely affected by the southwest monsoon (Habagat), continuous rains, rough sea conditions, and the repeated suspension or prohibition of fishing and sea activities due to adverse weather conditions.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Israel P. Salanga, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : 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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