



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS  
**OFFICE OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE  
8<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS HELD AT THE SP  
SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL ON MARCH 28, 2017.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-006**

Series of 2017

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS AS SPECIAL  
QUARANTINE ZONE FOR GUIMARAS MANGO AND PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, the Province of Guimaras is widely known as the leading producer of the  
sweetest mango fruits in the world;

WHEREAS, such recognition has paved the way for the province to expand its domestic  
market as well as for export immensely contributing to the fast growing economy and enhancing  
the province's tourism potentials;

WHEREAS, to maintain such status, appropriate measures must be provided to prevent  
the entry of Mango Pulp Weevil (MPW) and Mango Seed Weevil (MSW), two of the most  
destructive plant pests inflicting damage to mango fruits;

WHEREAS, due to the excellent quality of Guimaras mango fruits, countries such as the  
United States and Australia were lured to import the product provided the source is free from the  
aforesaid plant pests;

WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) initiated a nationwide  
study to determine the existence of the MPW and MSW;

WHEREAS, result of the study showed that all provinces including the island province of  
Guimaras were free from the said plant pests except the island province of Palawan where the  
presence of MPW was observed;

WHEREAS, on December 23, 1993, then President Fidel V. Ramos issued Proclamation  
No. 314 "Declaring the Island of Guimaras as a Special Quarantine Zone- an area free from  
Mango Pulp Weevil and Mango Seed Weevil and providing measures to maintain such status";

WHEREAS, heeding to the above Proclamation, the Bureau of Plant Industry, in  
collaboration with the provincial government of Guimaras through the Provincial Office for  
Agricultural Services (POAS) established check points in major entry points of the province and  
assigned personnel to conduct routine inspection;

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WHEREAS, on February 18, 2016, the Office of the Governor received a letter dated February 03, 2016 from Paz V. Benavidez II, OIC Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, with the information that the Australian Government has issued an advisory dated December 18, 2015 recognizing the whole Philippines as area free from Mango Pulp Weevil and Mango Seed Weevil except for the Island of Palawan where there is limited distribution of Mango Pulp Weevil;

WHEREAS, the said letter further informed that..."there is no need to maintain the check points in different strategic locations in Guimaras Island as well as personnel manning the check points";

WHEREAS, considering the proximity of Palawan to the province of Guimaras, entry of the harmful MPW and other destructive mango pests and diseases in the province is not remote and therefore strict implementation of quarantine rules and regulation is absolutely necessary;


WHEREAS, ART. 3, Section 468 of RA 7160 empowers the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to: "Approve measures to adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases within its territorial jurisdiction";


NOW, THEREFORE, the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan in a regular session duly assembled, hereby ordains that;



Section 1. **Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS AS SPECIAL QUARANTINE ZONE FOR GUIMARAS MANGO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**






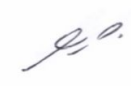
Section 2. **Objectives** – This Ordinance is premised on the following objectives.

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1. To protect the province's mango industry from the destruction of Mango Pulp Weevil and other mango pests and diseases.
  2. To enhance the status of the province as the leading producer of the sweetest mango fruits in the world.
  3. To maintain the excellent quality of Guimaras mango as a major contributor to the province's tourism industry.



Section 3. **Scope and Application** – This Ordinance shall apply to all persons who intend to bring into the province of Guimaras mango fruits, mango seeds, mango seedlings or any part thereof.

Section 4. **Definition of Terms** – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows.

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1. **REGULAR QUARANTINE**- a period of time fixed for the isolation and observation on Guimaras mango plants for possible presence of infectious plant pests such as but not limited to Mango Pulp Weevil and Mango Seed Weevil.
  2. **SPECIAL QUARANTINE** – This is a reverse process of a regular quarantine. While entry of mangoes coming from other places outside Guimaras is restricted, mangoes from Guimaras could be shipped out of the province.
  3. **Quarantine Zone**- Refers to the province of Guimaras being isolated from other provinces such as Palawan to prevent the entry of MPW and other destructive pests of mango.

4. **Mango Pulp Weevil (MPW)** - a destructive pest of mango causing damage to the pulp or the succulent part of the fruit.
5. **Mango Seed Weevil (MSW)** - a harmful insect pest of mango inflicting damage to the fruit preferably the seeds.
6. **BPI**- refers to the Bureau of Plant Industry, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture mandated to implement quarantine program for plants in the Philippines.
7. **POAS**- refers to the Provincial Office for Agricultural Services responsible in planning and implementation of agriculture projects of the province.
8. **Palawan**- refers to the only province in the country where the presence of mango pulp weevil (MPW) is observed.
9. **Entry Point**- refers to an area or location which serves as passage for persons, vehicles and cargoes coming into the province of Guimaras.
10. **GMGPDC**- Guimaras Mango Growers and Producer Development Cooperative.
11. **GNCRDPS**- Guimaras National Crop Research Development and Production Support Center.
12. **PMC**- refers to the Program Management Committee.
13. **PIT**- refers to the Program Implementing Team.

Section 5. **Identifications of Entry Points**- For purposes of this Ordinance, all coastal barangays in the province of Guimaras are hereby identified as entry points.

Section 6. **Prohibited Acts** – Bringing of mango fruits, seeds, seedlings or any part thereof into the province of Guimaras by any person or persons for whatever purpose is strictly prohibited.

Section 7. **Creation of the Program Management Committee (PMC)** - For effective implementation of this Ordinance, a Program Management Committee shall be created with the following composition;

**Chairperson** – Governor or his/her duly designated representative

**Co- Chairperson** - Vice Governor

**Members:**

- Municipal Mayors, or their authorized representatives
- BM, Chair Committee on Agriculture
- Provincial Agriculturist
- Chairperson, Guimaras Mango Growers and Producers Development Cooperative (GMGPDC)
- BPI- GNCRDPS
- PNP, Provincial Office

### Section 8. Functions of the Program Management Committee

1. Formulate plans to implement this Ordinance.
2. Allocate funds for program implementation.
3. Coordinate with the Bureau of Plant Industry for technical and financial assistance.
4. Designate responsible persons/ implementors to implement quarantine rules and regulation.
5. Conduct trainings for program implementors.

### Section 9. Creation of Program Implementing Team (PIT) -a Program Implementing Team shall be created to be composed of the following;

1. Team Leaders-Five (5) Municipal Agriculturists or whoever is designated by the Municipal Mayor.
2. Members- Ten (10) personnel more or less for each municipality as implementors to be recommended by their respective Punong Barangay to the Program Management Committee.

### Section 10. Functions of Program Implementing Team

1. Conduct actual 24/7 inspection of baggages and cargoes at all entry points.
2. Disallow entry of prohibited items specified in Section 6 of this Ordinance.
3. Apprehend and file appropriate charges in the proper court to violators of this Ordinance.

### Section 11. Source of Funds. - Funds for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be provided by the Provincial Government of Guimaras.

### Section 12. Penalties- Any acts in violation of this Ordinance shall be meted out with the following fines/penalties:

First Offense:	Warning and disallowance of entry of prohibited items.
Second Offense:	Disallowance of entry of prohibited items with a fine of P2,500.00.
Third Offense:	Disallowance of entry of prohibited items with a fine of P5,000.00 and/or imprisonment of not to exceed one month or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

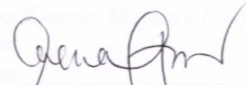
### Section 13. Separability Clause- If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or unlawful by any court, all other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and effective.

### Section 14. Repealing Clause- Any Ordinance contrary or inconsistent with any provisions hereof is hereby repealed amended or modified accordingly.

Section 15. **Effectively** – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in conspicuous places in the five (5) municipalities in the province of Guimaras.

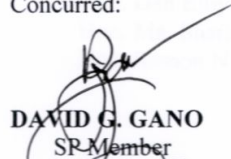
ENACTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly enacted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras during its regular session on March 28, 2017.

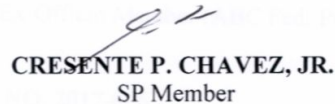


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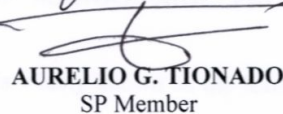
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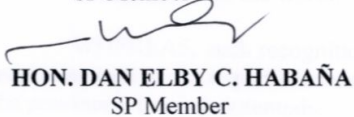
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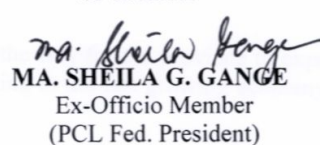
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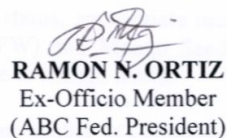
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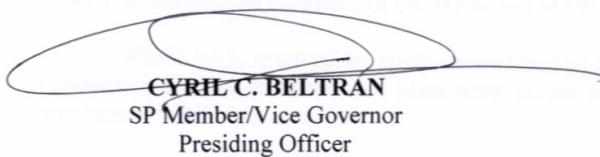


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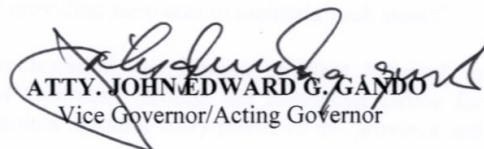
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