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**ORDINANCE NO. 150**  
*Series of 2014*

*Sponsored by: BM Efren C. Lizardo*

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL NON-IVATAN CONSTRUCTION LABORERS AND WORKERS TEMPORARILY WORKING IN BATANES TO UNDERGO AN IVATAN CULTURE, HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS ORIENTATION**

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “IVATAN CULTURE AWARENESS ORIENTATION FOR NON-IVATAN WORKERS CODE”.

**Section 2. Basis and Objectives of the Ordinance.** Under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, it is provided that “Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.” Batanes is considered a protected area under the NIPAS Act, as amended, inhabited by indigenous people with distinct culture, heritage and traditions. At present, however, the Ivatan culture and heritage is slowly fading due to technological advances and influx of tourists. This leaves the community and the government with an enormous task of preserving its culture and traditions, of conserving its environment and of upholding its heritage. Construction projects undertaken by both private and government sector have led to an increased number of non-Ivatan construction labourers and workers in the province. This increase has a significant impact upon the culture, traditions, heritage and environment of the Ivatans because the new and apparently different cultural values and preferences of the non-Ivatan labourers, especially when it is their first time to be in Batanes, may lead to, as it already has on several past occasions, conflict with that of the Ivatans, eventually creating tensions between these groups.

A comprehensive Ivatan culture, heritage and environment awareness orientation is an effective way of resolving potential conflicts between Ivatans and non-Ivatan labourers by making the latter understand and respect the ways and rights of the Ivatans, and live and work in harmony with them.

**Section 3. Attendance to the Orientation.** All non-Ivatan construction workers and labourers, including kasambahays, who have come to work to Batanes shall be required to attend a comprehensive Ivatan culture, environment and heritage orientation to be formulated and conducted by the Provincial Tourism Office, and Environment and Natural Resources Office in coordination with the Barangay Governments within one (1) week from the time of their arrival in Batanes. The venue for such orientation/seminar shall be as far as practicable be at the Barangay Hall in the barangay where the workers work or at the Human Resource Training Center (HRTC). The PTO may designate other venues suitable for the conduct of such seminar/orientation.



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All construction contractors who are the employers of the non-Ivatan construction workers, and employers of the kasambahays shall ensure the attendance of their labourers/workers and kasambahays to the seminar and shall not let them work on any of their projects until their attendance and completion of the required orientation. All employers shall submit to the PTO and Barangay the names of their employees within five (5) days from arrival in Batanes. The NCIP, subject to its availability and capability shall assist in the conduct of the seminar/orientation.

**Section 4. Seminar Fees.** There shall be imposed an Orientation Fee of twenty (20) pesos per worker to be paid to the Barangay to augment the costs for the conduct of the seminar.

**Section 5. Violations and Penalties.** The following are the violations and corresponding penalties therefor:

a) Any non-Ivatan construction labourer/worker who willingly and knowingly refuses to attend the orientation shall be fined the amount of P500.00 on first offense, P2,000.00 on second offense and P5,000.00 on third offense and succeeding offenses.

b) Any owner or responsible officer of the construction/contracting firm employing the non-Ivatan construction labourer/worker who fails to notify his or her labourer(s) to attend the orientation shall suffer the fine of P1,000.00 on first offense, P3,000.00 on second offense and P5,000.00 on third offense and succeeding offenses.

**Section 6. Trust Fund.** – The funds collected by virtue of this Ordinance shall be put in a trust fund to be used exclusively for the conduct of the orientation, such as for the procurement of materials, improvement of facility or enhancement of capability of the providers thereof.

**Section 7. Severability.** - If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be not in accordance with Constitution or law, or otherwise declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall remain valid and enforceable.

**Section 8. Effectivity** - This Ordinance shall take effect within 10 days after posting in the designated bulletin boards in the barangay, municipal and provincial buildings.

**Enacted**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, on motion of Hon. Efren C. Lizardo duly seconded by Hon. Rogelio C. Delapa, Hon. Florante S. Castillo, Hon. Evelyn G. Maduro, Hon. Juliet P. Cataluña and Hon. Alexander E. Argonza.

*I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanguniang Panlalawigan during its Regular Session on April 13, 2015.*



  
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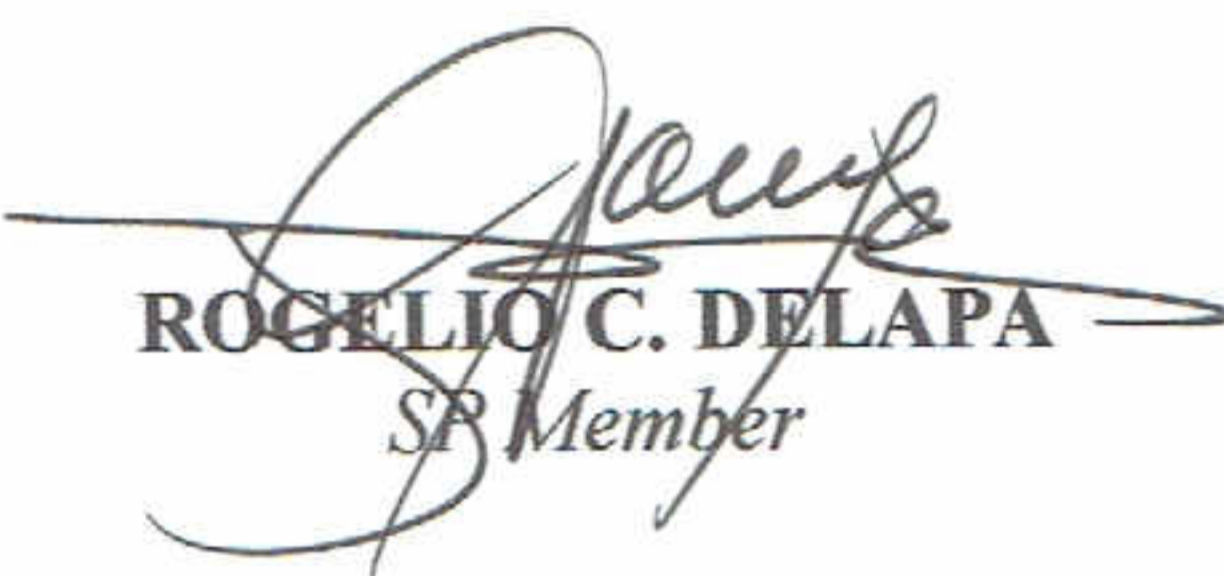
  
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