



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
Taytay, Rizal

DR. No. 2511-084

RESOLUTION NO. 77 series of 2025

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY'S
COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN
RANGE, AND ENJOINING NATIONAL AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS, AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT SUCH INITIATIVES**

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that *"the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature"*;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) empowers municipalities, through their Sangguniang Bayan, to enact resolutions and ordinances for the general welfare of their constituents, including the protection of the environment (Book III, Title I, Chapter 3, Section 447[a][I][vi]);

WHEREAS, the Sierra Madre Mountain Range, stretching from Cagayan to Quezon, is the longest mountain range in the Philippines and serves as the country's *natural shield* against Pacific typhoons, as well as a critical biodiversity corridor for numerous endemic and endangered species;

WHEREAS, studies by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and various academic institutions identify the Sierra Madre as one of the most vital watersheds supporting Metro Manila's water supply through the Angat, Ipo, and La Mesa reservoirs;

WHEREAS, the continued degradation of the Sierra Madre through illegal logging, unregulated quarrying, and unsustainable land use threatens not only biodiversity but also the ecological security and climate resilience of Taytay and the entire Rizal province;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the *National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992*, and its amendment Republic Act No. 11038 or the *Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018*, the State recognizes areas like the Sierra Madre as protected landscapes requiring coordinated management and conservation measures;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9147, the *Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act*, provides for the conservation and protection of wildlife resources and their habitats, including

those found within the Sierra Madre, thereby mandating all government entities to aid in such conservation efforts;

WHEREAS, the proposed **House Bill No. 1972**, or the *Sierra Madre Development Authority Act*, seeks to institutionalize a dedicated body to oversee the conservation and sustainable development of the Sierra Madre Region, an initiative consistent with the objectives of this Resolution;


WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Municipality of Taytay to take proactive measures, within its jurisdiction and capacity, to support national efforts in safeguarding the Sierra Madre as part of its commitment to climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and environmental stewardship;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the 13th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in session duly assembled, hereby EXPRESSES THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN RANGE, AND ENJOINS NATIONAL AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT SUCH INITIATIVES.

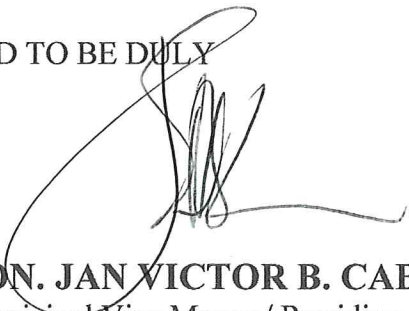
RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all concern for proper information dissemination.

ADOPTED, this 11th day of November 2025, 2:59 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on November 11, 2025 and was passed on third and final reading on November 11, 2025 during the 19th Regular Session held on the 11th day of November, 2025.


JULIETA M. JUANILLO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HIS HONOR


HON. JAN VICTOR B. CABITAC
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer