

RESOLUTION NO. _____-26
(Series of 2026)

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PROPT
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RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING DR. LORENZO O. MACASOCOL, SCHOOLS
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED),
SURIGAO DEL SUR DIVISION, TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO QUALIFIED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) TEACHER APPLICANTS IN THE HIRING AND
DEPLOYMENT OF TEACHING PERSONNEL FOR ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
OF LIVING TRADITIONS (ESLTs) THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO
DEL SUR, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FROM THE
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMUNITIES THEY WILL SERVE

SPONSORS:

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HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD, HON. YURI ART EUFY R. SANCHEZ,
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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes and promotes the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) within the framework of national unity and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the "Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997", guarantees the rights of Indigenous Peoples to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, institutions and educational systems and mandates government agencies to recognize and promote these rights in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, DepEd Order No. 62, S. 2011, otherwise known as the "National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Education Policy Framework", affirms the right of Indigenous Peoples to basic education that is responsive to their specific educational contexts and respects their identities, cultures, traditions, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSPs) and customary governance systems, consistent with the 1987 Constitution and Republic Act No. 8371;

WHEREAS, the assignment of qualified and competent teachers who belong to the same Indigenous Peoples communities as the learners enhances cultural understanding, facilitates effective communication through the local language, strengthens community participation and promotes the preservation of indigenous knowledge, traditions and values; of learners;

WHEREAS, Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod, SP Member, this Province, in his Privilege Speech during the 48th Regular Session dated June 16, 2026, raised a concern relative to the alleged discrimination against Indigenous Peoples (IP) teacher applicants for Indigenous Peoples Education (IPEd) positions, as well as other issues related to the implementation of the IPEd Program in the Province of Surigao del Sur, and same was referred to the Committee on Education, for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, after due deliberation during the Committee Meeting held on July 7, 2026, this August Body recommended to pass a Resolution respectfully requesting Dr. Lorenzo O. Macasocol, Schools Division Superintendent of the Department of Education (DepEd), Surigao del Sur Division, to give due consideration and priority to qualified Indigenous Peoples teacher applicants in the hiring and deployment process for teaching positions in all Elementary Schools of Living Traditions throughout the Province of Surigao del Sur, particularly those belonging to the Indigenous Peoples communities they will serve;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of _____, and seconded by _____;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to respectfully request Dr. Lorenzo O. Macasocol, Schools Division Superintendent of the Department of Education (DepEd), Surigao del Sur Division, to give due consideration to qualified Indigenous Peoples (IP) teacher applicants in the hiring and deployment of teaching personnel for all Elementary Schools of Living Traditions (ESLTs) throughout the Province of Surigao del Sur, with priority given to eligible applicants from the Indigenous Peoples communities they will serve.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Dr. Lorenzo O. Macasocol, Schools Division Superintendent of the Department of Education (DepEd), Surigao del Sur Division, Tandag City, to Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod, SP Member/ Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative and to Hon. Rico Maca, SB Member, Municipality of San Miguel, all of this Province, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

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