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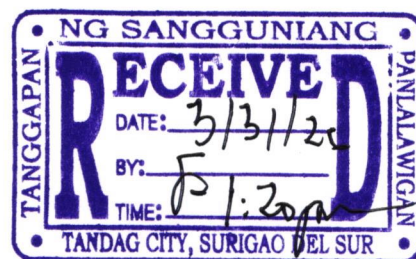
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

March 30, 2026

THE HONORABLE VICE-GOVERNOR

AND

THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS



THRU: **THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**
Tanggapan Ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan,
Capitol Hills, Tandag City,
Surigao del Sur

Sirs/ Mesdames:

Respectfully submitting to your level, **RESOLUTION NO. 155, Series of 2026** entitled **"A RESOLUTION FORMALLY ADOPTING THE 2026 STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS (SOMA) DELIVERED BY HON. NESTOR S. VALEROSO, MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR DURING THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MARCH 23, 2026 AT REGIONAL EVACUATION CENTER, POBLACION, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR"** dated March 23, 2026.

For your review and favorable action.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,


MA. JULINA T. BORDA- JUTILO, LLB., J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

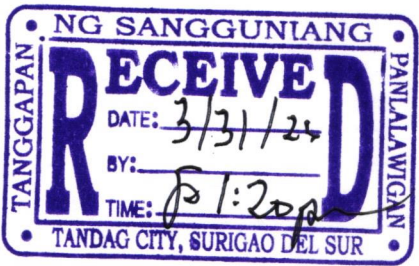
EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE REGIONAL EVACUATION CENTER, POBLACION,
CARMEN ON MARCH 23, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Jane V. Plaza Municipal Vice- Mayor/
Presiding Officer

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Carlos S. Estrada		SB Member
Hon. Harvey S. Manawatao		SB Member
Hon. Tanie A. Quillano		SB Member
Hon. Daniel A. Tejol		SB Member
Hon. Elvie U. Ohao		SB Member
Hon. Rencio P. Valeroso		SB Member
Hon. Michael C. Escuyos		SB Member



EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:

Hon. Blandena V. Sugian ABC President

ON LEAVE:

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBER:

Hon. Nilo S. Bigno SB Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:

Hon. Jeff Anthony D. Beloria SK Federation President



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RESOLUTION NO. 155
Series of 2026

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DELIVERED BY HON. NESTOR S. VALEROSO, MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
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REGIONAL EVACUATION CENTER, POBLACION, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR"

WHEREAS, Section 444 (B) 1 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the municipal mayor is required to report on the condition of the municipality and this report includes a summary of governance, administration and development along with relevant political, social and economic data;

WHEREAS, the same Code provides that the municipal mayor shall present the programs of government and propose policies and projects for the consideration of the sangguniang bayan;

WHEREAS, the municipal mayor delivered the 2026 State of the Municipality Address on March 23, 2026 in a Regular Session highlighting achievements, financial performance and future development goals;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates the local government units to be self- reliant and be responsible for the delivery of basic services to their constituents;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan finds the address to be a comprehensive summary of the current status of the municipality and a crucial guide for local legislation;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Harvey S. Manawatao, duly seconded by all members present;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, to formally adopt the 2026 State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) delivered by Hon. Nestor S. Valeroso, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur during the Regular Session held on March 23, 2026 at Regional Evacuation Center, Poblacion, Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) be used as a reference document for the formulation of policies, programs and budget allocations for the ensuring Fiscal Year;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to furnish copies of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan, MPDC, Municipal Budget Officer, Municipal Accountant, Municipal Treasurer and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action;

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2026 at Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


MA. JULINA T. BORDA-JUTILO, LLB., J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JANE V. PLATA
Municipal Vice- Mayor/
Presiding Officer



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT
State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) 2026
March 23, 2026
Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur

I. Introduction

This report presents the key highlights of the State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) covering accomplishments, governance outcomes, and strategic directions of the Municipality of Carmen from July 2025 to March 2026.

Guided by the vision of becoming an Agro-Industrial Center of Surigao del Sur, the Local Government Unit anchored its development agenda on four pillars: Economic and Infrastructure Development, Strengthened Governance, Social Development and Inclusive Growth, and Environmental Protection and Climate Resilience.

II. Major Accomplishments

Economic and Infrastructure Development

The LGU implemented approximately ₱95.2 million worth of programs and projects funded by local, provincial, and national sources. Local income increased by 8.92%, exceeding ₱10.4 million. A total of 57.15% of local roads are now concreted, alongside the installation of streetlights along the national highway.

In the agriculture sector, more than ₱9.5 million was invested in rice, fisheries, livestock, and high-value crops programs. The municipality improved its African Swine Fever (ASF) status from Red Zone to Pink Zone. Tourism development reached nearly ₱26.9 million, including the expansion of the Hubason River Resort.

The CaSAAD Program supported 201 farmers and advanced agro-forestry and agro-industrial initiatives, strengthening long-term sustainability.

Strengthened Governance

The LGU enhanced governance systems through the formulation of the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) 2026–2028 and strategic human resource development.

The municipality received multiple recognitions, including the Regional Subaybayani Award as a National Exemplar, Good Financial Housekeeping, and high performance ratings in various governance indicators. Civil society organizations were also actively engaged to promote transparency and accountability.

Social Development and Inclusive Growth

The LGU implemented programs to ensure inclusive growth and improved quality of life. Education initiatives included scholarship support and school infrastructure improvements. Health and nutrition programs, amounting to ₱1.7 million, focused on maternal care, immunization, and community health services.



The municipality established the Senior Citizens Community Care Center, the first in the region. Livelihood programs, skills training, and employment assistance through TUPAD and internship programs were also provided. Support services were extended to children, youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and other vulnerable sectors.

Environmental Protection and Climate Resilience

Environmental programs focused on sustainability and disaster resilience. Anti-illegal logging efforts, tree planting, and bamboo propagation were implemented to protect natural resources.

Flood mitigation measures included clearing 4.4 kilometers of waterways. Disaster preparedness was strengthened through training, equipment acquisition, and community drills, ensuring effective response during weather disturbances.

III. Legislative Support

The 14th Sangguniang Bayan provided essential legislative support through the approval of 533 resolutions, 60 ordinances, and 5 appropriation ordinances. These measures ensured policy direction, funding, and continuity of development programs across all sectors.

IV. Strategic Directions (2026–2027)

The LGU will prioritize infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and street lighting. It will implement a Food Security Program promoting community and backyard gardening.

Tourism development will be strengthened through policy support and funding initiatives, including the rehabilitation of the Hubason River Resort and Adventure Trail, rehabilitation of the Hubason bridge and access roads, rehabilitation of the Carmen Municipal Gym, and improvement of roads from Sitio Gacub to Sitio Tabinas and Bayabas. The LGU will also pursue linkages with investors to support industrialization programs and priority projects.

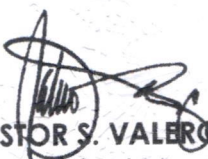
Continued investments in social services, education, and health facilities will be undertaken, while climate-resilient planning and environmental programs will remain a priority.

V. Conclusion

The Municipality of Carmen has demonstrated significant progress through strategic investments, effective governance, and inclusive development. Despite challenges, the LGU remains committed to sustainable growth, resilience, and improved quality of life for all Carmenanons.

VI. Recommendation

In view of the foregoing, this report is hereby recommended for transmission to concerned offices and relevant agencies for information, reference, and appropriate action.



NESTOR S. VALEROSO
Municipal Mayor