



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY



BAGONG PILIPINAS

Office of the Governor

SUBJECT: 2ND INDORSEMENT LETTER DATED AUGUST 12, 2026, RE:
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICER ON RESOLUTION
NO. 1536-26

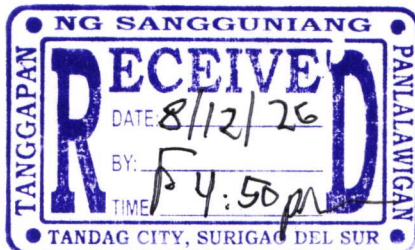
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Respectfully indorsed to **Mr. Edgar G. Perez, II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, this Province, the herein 2nd Indorsement from Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer, for your appropriate action.



JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Provincial Governor

By authority of the Governor:



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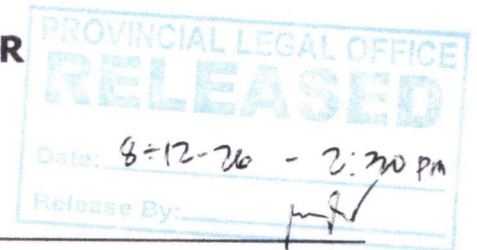
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Assistant Provincial Administrator

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Provincial Legal Office



2nd Indorsement

August 12, 2026



Respectfully returned to **HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**, Governor of this province, the attached 1st Indorsement dated August 5, 2026, regarding the attached Resolution No. 1536-26, Series of 2026 issued by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Surigao del Sur entitled: **"EARNESTLY REQUESTING HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THE USE OF TANDAG AIRPORT AS THE PRIMARY GATEWAY FOR ALL OFFICIAL TRAVELS OF PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AND OTHER JUSTIFIABLE CIRCUMSTANCES"**.

The power of the governor to issue an executive order is rooted in Section 465(b)(1) of the Local Government Code. On the other hand, the basis of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan power to issue resolutions is Section 468(a) of the Local Government Code. The main difference between an executive order and a resolution is that the former carries out an existing law, while a resolution merely expresses will or grants an authorization.

Resolution No. 1536-26, Series of 2026, requests the governor to issue an executive order mandating the use of Tandag Airport as the primary gateway for all official travel of provincial, city, and municipal employees. Unfortunately, the governor cannot fulfill said request for the following reasons:

1. Mandating the use of Tandag Airport as the primary gateway for all official travel of provincial, city, and municipal employees constitutes rule-making, which exceeds the scope of executive power;

2. There is no enabling law or ordinance to support such a mandate;
and
3. It effectively restricts or regulates the conduct of government officials
and employees, which is a legislative function.

The alternative is to issue a non-mandatory executive order designating Tandag Airport as the preferred gateway for administrative convenience, noting that it is less costly compared to utilizing other airports. If a truly mandatory policy is desired, it must be enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan as an ordinance.


ATTY. LIMUEL L. AUZA
Provincial Legal Officer



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Office of the Governor

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 1536-26

1st Indorsement

August 5, 2026

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Respectfully indorsed to **Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer**, the
herein Resolution No. 1536-26, for your appropriate action.

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting Provincial Governor

For the Governor:

JOHN VINCENT C. PIMENTEL
Provincial Administrator

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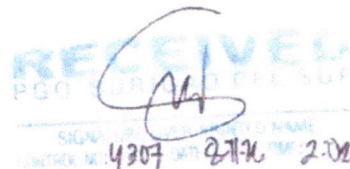
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
(Office of the Provincial Council)

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 55TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 21ST SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON AUGUST 10, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.

- Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)



Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

Hon. Ruel D. Momo
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon

District II

Hon. Joey S. Pama
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Ex – Officio Members:

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

- President, Provincial Chapter
of the Liga ng mga Barangay
sa Pilipinas

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod

- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory
Representative, Surigao del Sur

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ABSENT:

On Wellness Leave:

Hon. Henrich M. Pimentel

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Jose Dumanga, Jr.

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

On Special Privilege Leave:

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

- President, Philippine Councilors'
League, Surigao del Sur Chapter

RESOLUTION NO. 1536-26
(Series of 2026)

EARNESTLY REQUESTING HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THE USE OF TANDAG AIRPORT AS THE PRIMARY AIR GATEWAY FOR ALL OFFICIAL TRAVELS OF PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AND OTHER JUSTIFIABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

SPONSORS:

HON. JOEY S. PAMA, HON. MARGARITA G. GARAY, HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH P. CAÑEDO, HON. RUEL D. MOMO, HON. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR., HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON, HON. HENRICH M. PIMENTEL, HON. GINES RICKY J. SAYAWAN, SR., HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR, HON. VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR., HON. JOHN PAUL C. PIMENTEL, HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD AND HON. YURI ART EUFY R. SANCHEZ

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, embodies the **General Welfare Clause**, which authorizes every local government unit to exercise such powers as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to its efficient and effective governance and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare, including the enhancement of economic prosperity, the promotion of social justice, the preservation of peace and order, and the advancement of the comfort, convenience and general well-being of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 465(b)(1) of the same Code provides that the Provincial Governor, as the Chief Executive of the Province, shall exercise general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services and activities of the provincial government and determine the guidelines of provincial policies to ensure efficient, effective and economical governance;

WHEREAS, the Tandag City Airport has recently undergone rehabilitation and upgrading, thereby restoring its operational capability to accommodate regular commercial flights and enhancing its capacity to serve as the primary air gateway of the Province of Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Hon. Ruel D. Momo, Acting Vice Governor of the Province of Surigao del Sur, in his Privilege Speech delivered during the 53rd Regular Session held on July 28, 2026, raised concerns regarding the draft unnumbered Memorandum/Executive Order proposing the mandatory utilization of Cebu Pacific flights operating through Tandag Airport for the official travel of Provincial/City/Municipal Government Officials and Employees, and same was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Traffic, Ports and Terminals, for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, the said Memorandum/Executive Order recognizes the importance of the full operationalization of the rehabilitated Tandag Airport as vital in promoting the economic development of the Province of Surigao del Sur, enhance tourism and investment opportunities and improve the delivery of government services to its constituents;

WHEREAS, after a thorough deliberation with the invited guests during the Committee Meeting held on August 4, 2026, this August Body finds it imperative to respectfully request the Honorable Provincial Governor to issue an Executive Order establishing Tandag Airport as the primary point of departure and arrival for the official air travel of Provincial/City/Municipal Government officials and employees, subject to the availability of commercial flights and other justifiable circumstances.

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and on motion of Hon. Joey S. Pama and unanimously seconded by all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to earnestly request Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor of Surigao del Sur, to issue an Executive Order mandating the use of Tandag Airport as the primary air gateway for all official travels of Provincial/City/Municipal Government Officials and Employees, subject to the availability of commercial flights and other justifiable circumstances.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province and to Mr. Alexander T. Lao, President, Airline Operations Center Building, Old Domestic Road, Manila Domestic Airport Complex, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines, for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2026 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.



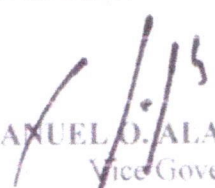
EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**



MAXUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)