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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (2025-2028) OF CAVINTI, LAGUNA, HELD ON JULY 28, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, ABC BUILDING CAVINTI, LAGUNA.

PRESENT: HON. MILBERT L. OLIVEROS, VICE MAYOR/
PRESIDING OFFICER

Hon. Jose Mari L. Esguerra, SB Member;
Hon. Joseph P. Baltazar, SB Member;
Hon. Dr. Jovenil T. Gordula, SB Member
Hon. Habshan Dave D. Blastique, SB Member;
Hon. Godfrey L. Lubuguin, SB Member;
Hon. Glenn Haze M. Cabuhat, SB Member;
Hon. Melandro B. Lope, SB Member
Hon. Romel J. Villanueva, SB Member;
Hon. Manuel A. Dela Roca, ABC President; and
Hon. Limron O. Sanchez, SKF President

ABSENT: "NONE"

RESOLUTION NO. 017 – 2025

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY UNDER THE TITLE OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LAS NIEVES (OUR LADY OF SNOWS), SECONDARY PATRONESS AND QUEEN OF CAVINTI, AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SYMBOL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAVINTI, LAGUNA

Authored by: HON. JOSE MARI L. ESGUERRA, SB Member
Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation and
Committee on Public Utilities and Facilities, Energy and Communications

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Cavinti, nestled in the heart of the province of Laguna, is a town rich in cultural heritage, spiritual traditions, and deep religious devotion, reflecting the strong faith of its people;

WHEREAS, among the many devotions embraced by citizens of Cavinti, the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** (Our Lady of Snows) occupies a prominent and revered place in the collective spiritual consciousness of the community;

WHEREAS, historical tradition holds that the devotion to **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** began in Cavinti during the Spanish colonial period, and her miraculous image has since been associated with stories of divine intercession, local unity, healing, and answered prayers, solidifying her title as Queen and Secondary Patroness of Cavinti;

WHEREAS, according to local accounts, written records and historical accounts found in the history of Cavinti from the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Pablo, between the years 1885 and 1895, a remarkable rare phenomenon and miraculous event occurred in Cavinti, where tiny drops of snow or snow-like flakes

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were seen and reported falling throughout the town, covering the plants and flowers in the convent's backyard, church garden and sacristy with what looked like a frost;

WHEREAS, the Church of Cavinti is the oldest parish in the Philippines dedicated to the Transfiguration of Jesus, and it recognizes Our Lady of Snows and Saint Joseph as its secondary patrons and intercessors;

WHEREAS, shortly after this unusual occurrence, an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus was discovered inside the sacristy of the church, an event that was interpreted by the faithful as a miraculous sign of divine presence and maternal protection, and from that moment on, they began to honor and recognize **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** as their Queen;

WHEREAS, moved by profound devotion to El Salvador del Mundo, the principal patron of Cavinti, and to his Blessed Mother, the people of Cavinti collectively chose to recognize and proclaim the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** (Our Lady of Snows), as the Secondary Patroness and Queen of Cavinti;

WHEREAS, the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** (Our Lady of Snows) has been proclaimed as the Secondary Patroness and Queen of the Town of Cavinti, and her feast is celebrated every **5th of August**, a day before the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, who is the town's primary patron, thus signifying a strong spiritual connection between the celebration of the Son and His Blessed Mother in Cavinti's religious life;

WHEREAS, every year on August 5, the people of Cavinti joyfully and faithfully celebrate the feast of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** through religious activities such as novenas, processions, and masses, as well as through cultural festivities that reflect the town's unique religious identity and historical continuity;

WHEREAS, the recognized patrons and protectors of the town of Cavinti are Saint Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Snows, and El Salvador del Mundo, who represents the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor;

WHEREAS, the faith and devotion to El Salvador del Mundo continues to grow strongly, not only among the people of Cavinti but also among devotees from other towns and provinces;

WHEREAS, this enduring devotion has been passed on through generations, playing a central role in shaping the moral values, communal identity, and spiritual resilience of the people of Cavinti;

WHEREAS, the image and title of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** has become a vital and cherished element of Cavinti's intangible cultural heritage, embodying the town's religious expression, cultural pride, and historical narrative;

WHEREAS, the recognition of **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves** as a cultural and historical symbol aligns with the national commitment to promote Filipino heritage under Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, which seeks to protect and preserve cultural expressions of local significance;

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WHEREAS, the Church of Cavinti is one of the oldest parish in the Philippines dedicated to the Transfiguration of Jesus, and it recognizes Our Lady of Snows and Saint Joseph as its secondary patrons and intercessors;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, after mature deliberation on the matter, on motion of SB Jose Mari L. Esguerra, duly seconded and unanimously approved by all other SB Members herein present, there being a quorum, it was

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Cavinti, in session duly assembled, to **FORMALLY DECLARE AND RECOGNIZE THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY UNDER THE TITLE OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LAS NIEVES (OUR LADY OF SNOWS) AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SYMBOL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAVINTI**, and to affirm her title as the **Secondary Patroness and Queen of Cavinti**;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution be used to encourage the preservation and promotion of traditional practices associated with the devotion to **Nuestra Señora de las Nieves**, including religious celebrations, oral histories, and local customs;

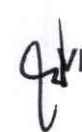
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, the Transfiguration Parish of El Salvador del Mundo, the Diocese of San Pablo, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other concerned agencies and institutions, for their information, support, and appropriate action.

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-quoted resolution is an excerpt from the Minutes of the 4th Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan (2025-2028) of Cavinti, Laguna, held on July 28, 2025.


NITZSHELL TORRES – DELA TORRE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


HON. MILBERT L. OLIVEROS
VICE MAYOR & PRESIDING OFFICER

APPROVED:


HON. ARRANTLEE R. ARROYO
MUNICIPAL MAYOR