

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GERONA, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, ON MONDAY, 07 JULY 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Hon. Holden N. Sembrano	- Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Agerico S. Batenga	- Municipal Councilor
Hon. Edwin R. Yamoyam	- -do-
Hon. Eufrocino A. Bartolome, Jr.	- -do-
Hon. Pacifico L. Agudo	- -do-
Hon. Daisy Diamsay-Mamba	- -do-
Hon. Raul P. Cruz	- -do-
Hon. Leopoldo S. Trivinio	- -do-
Hon. Ronnie R. Jumawid, Sr.	- ABC President

ABSENT:

Hon. Eloy C. Eclar	- Municipal Councilor
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ORDINANCE NO. 446

Series of 2014

AN ORDINANCE

DECLARING THE 16th DAY OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS ARBOR DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERONA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On motion of Hon. Agerico S. Batenga, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, Ordinances and Legal Matters and duly seconded.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Gerona, Tarlac, in session assembled that:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "**Arbor Day Ordinance of the Municipality of Gerona, Tarlac**".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared as policy of the Municipality to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability is recognized. Hence, there is a need for collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking nationwide tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability.

Section 3. Creation of Arbor Day Committee. In implementing the intents of this Ordinance, there shall be created in the Municipality an Arbor Day Celebration Committee, the composition of which shall be as follows:

Chairman	:	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman	:	Municipal Vice Mayor

Members:

- SB Chairman on Committee on Environmental Protection, Health and Sanitation

- Municipal Agricultural Officer
- District Supervisors, Department of Education
- School Principals (public and private)
- Municipal Local Government Operation Officer;
- Municipal Engineer;
- Chief of Police
- Liga ng mga Barangay President;
- Two (2) Representatives from the NGO;
- Tricycle Drivers Association
- Such other members as the Local Chief Executive may deem it necessary.

Section 4. Functions of the Arbor Day Committee. the following are the functions of the Committee:

- Formulate plans and programs necessary to achieve the intent of this ordinance;
- Specify the areas to be planted with trees and ornamental plants;
- Monitor and record the activities and projects undertaken under this ordinance; and
- Such other functions as the Local Chief Executive may deem necessary.

Section 5. Proclamation of Arbor Day. The Arbor Day Celebration shall be done every 16th day of July of every year.

Section 6. Funding. Special appropriation in the amount of fifty thousand pesos (P/50,000.00) annually will be provided by the municipality for the operation and maintenance of the said activity.

Section 7. Information and Monitoring. For information and monitoring purposes, all concerned agencies, department, and institutions shall submit to the Committee their accomplishment in relation to the Arbor Day Celebration.

Section 8. Supply and Distribution of Seedlings. The Municipal Agricultural Officer shall be responsible in the supply and distribution of seedlings for the tree planting program of the Municipality.

Section 9. Planting of Trees. All able-bodied citizens of the Philippines residing in the Municipality, who are at least Twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

Section 10. Areas Covered by Tree Planting. The Arbor Day Celebrations Committee shall specify the area within the Municipality to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection forest, the Committee shall encourage the use of the endemic or indigenous species during the observance of the Arbor Day designated by the municipality. The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
- Idle or vacant public lands;
- Public parks in rural areas;
- Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof.

Section 11. Maintenance of Trees. The barangay officials and deputized non-governmental organizations shall be responsible for the maintenance of such trees.

Section 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 14. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

I certify that the above quoted ordinance was unanimously approved by this Sanggunian during its regular session held on 07 July 2014.

JECIEL M. IGLESIA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

HOLDEN N. SEMBRANO
Municipal Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED: _____, 2014

DENNIS NORMAN T. GO
Municipal Mayor