



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
DIVISION MEMORANDUM
CID-2023-0872

To : Eduard C. Amoguis, EdD, Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
Ramel M. Pilo, Chief, School Governance and Operations Division
Janice A. Fernandez, Public Schools District Supervisor
School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject: **PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOLS IN THE 10TH SIKWATE FESTIVAL**

Date : October 27, 2023

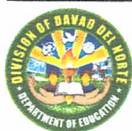
1. Attached herewith is a letter from Hon. Silvano B. Gaje, Municipal Mayor of San Isidro, Davao del Norte, which invites private and public learning institutions in the parade and Neo-Ethnic competition during the 10th Sikwate Festival on October 27, 2023.
2. This office interposes no objection to the participation of teachers and learners to the activity provided that the adherence to the policy on "No Disruption of Classes," and DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled: "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" shall be strictly observed. Likewise, prior preparations shall be done after class hours.
3. Further, the administration of the **First Quarter Examination** of San Isidro District will be done on **October 25-26, 2023** instead of October 26-27, 2023.
4. Details of the activity like the mechanics, guidelines, and program are enclosed in this memorandum .
6. In the conduct of this activity, it is expected that Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) Performance goals and requirements must be observed in such a way to recognize universal equality of individuals regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, and political affiliation.
7. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum to the concerned is desired.

REYNALDO B. MELLORIDA CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

For the Schools Division Superintendent:

RAMEL M. PILO
Chief, SGOD

Enclosed. As Stated.
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Hon. Silvano B. Gaje
Municipal Mayor

19 October 2023

REYNALDO B. MELLORIDA, CESO V
School's Division Superintendent
Department of Education
Davao del Norte

DEAR SIR:

The Local Government Unit of San Isidro in the Province of Davao del Norte will be celebrating its 10th Sikwate Festival on October 25-27, 2023. The legal basis of said festival is Municipal Ordinance No. 2014-12 dated October 14, 2014.

The LGU always expects the full participation of various sectors in the locality especially from the private and public learning institutions governed under the rules and regulations of the Department of Education, of which the San Isidro District of the Department of Education is expected to join specifically the Neo-Ethic Dance Contest and its participation during the Festival Parade, both activities will be held on the 27th of October, 2023.

Attached herewith are the following documents for your information and reference, to wit:

- ✓ *Certified Copy of Municipal Ordinance No. 2014-12 dated October 14, 2014;*
- ✓ *Array of activities for the 10th Sikawate Festival Celebration from October 25-27, 2023*

Thank you and have a good day.

Sincerely,


SILVANO B. GAJE

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MALACAÑANG RECORDS OFFICE

Manila, October 20, 2023

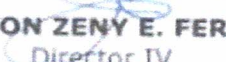
MAYOR SILVANO B. GAJE
Office of the Mayor
San Isidro, Davao del Norte

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Proclamation No. 382 dated October 19, 2023 entitled **"DECLARING FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2023, A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE"**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. CONCEPCION ZENY E. FERROLINO-ENAD
Director IV

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 382

DECLARING FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2023, A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

WHEREAS, on 27 October 2023, Friday, the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte will mark the celebration of the Sikwate Festival;

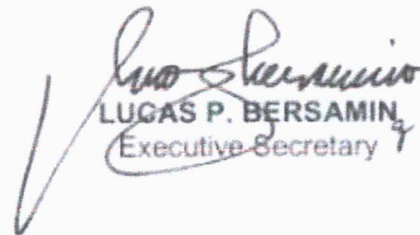
WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the Municipality of San Isidro be given full opportunity to participate in the occasion and enjoy the celebration;

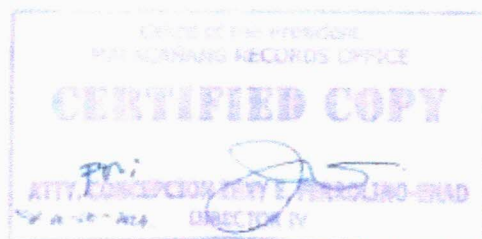
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUCAS P. BERSAMIN, Executive Secretary, by authority of the President, **FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, do hereby declare Friday, 27 October 2023, a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte.

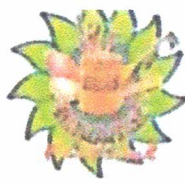
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

By authority of the President:


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN,
Executive Secretary





10TH SIRWATE FESTIVAL 2023

OCTOBER 25-27, 2023

Theme: "TUBAG SA HAGIT SA PANAHON, KAANGAYAN UG PANAGDAIT
GIKINAHANGLAN, ALANG SA MAS MALAMBOONG KATHILINGBAN"

NEO-ETHNIC DANCE COMPETITION 2023

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL

Neo-Ethnic dance is a signified modern choreography. When depicting indigenous rituals, myths and legends, it is best to be considerate in stylizing ethnic movements to come up with a new form. It reminds the beauty and dignity of Philippines ethnic traditions. This will also espouse a festive mood that will entice people to celebrate the progress and development of the municipality and its existing tribes.

GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

- ▶ 1. Neo-ethnic dance is open to all public schools within the Municipality of San Isidro
- ▶ 2. Every participating entry must have a minimum of thirty (30) and a maximum of forty (40) participants including props man.
- ▶ 3. Participants of the group must be boni fide students of the participating schools.
- ▶ 4. Each group/cluster will dance a Neo-Ethnic choreography.
- ▶ 5. The minimum length of the performance is five (5) minutes and a maximum of ten (10) minutes. Lack or excess on the required time duration will result to 1-point deduction/minute to the total judges score.
- ▶ 6. Concepts or theme for costume and performance are left to the discretion of the participants.
- ▶ 7. Live musical or percussion accompanied and/or Canned/taped music are allowed.
- ▶ 8. No vulgarity, obscenity and explicit contents are allowed.
- ▶ 9. Any props and costumes are allowed except those which are offensive.
- ▶ 10. Each entry must submit a completely filled-up Registration Form on October 13, 2023 at the MADDO Office.
- ▶ 11. Judges decision is final and irrevocable.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Performance	Weight	Total Percentage
Choreography and Creativity	This includes the steps, movement, blocking, composition and neatness of the ensemble; the creative transition from one dance sequence to another; the artisitics quality of transiitioning the material source of storyline into a choreographed presentation; and the effective utilization of all participants of members of the ensemble in interpreting the material.	40%
Concept and Execution	Overall execution of the choreography or presentation including	30%



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BEFORE THE 4TH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 38TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN ISIDRO, DAVAO DEL NORTE, HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2014 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, 9.06 A.M.

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| Present | 1. Hon. Tessie v. Dornecillo | -Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding |
| | 2. Hon. Rony C. Cirilo | -Councilor |
| | 3. Hon. Tomas L. Dornecillo | -Councilor |
| | 4. Hon. Edwin C. Talon | -Councilor |
| | 5. Hon. Vergilio B. Abundiente | -Councilor |
| | 6. Hon. Aurelio F. Avenir, Jr. | -Councilor |
| | 7. Hon. Timojino C. Lamsin | -Councilor |
| | 8. Hon. Lolito M. Salazar | -Councilor |
| | 9. Hon. Baltazar L. Cuyos | -Ex-Officio/Liga President |
| | 10. Hon. Datu Marcial B. Lig-onan | -Ex-Officio/IPMR |

On Official Business:

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| 1. Hon. Jacinto A. Café | -Councilor |
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Author: Hon. Edwin C. Talon

Co-Authors: Hon. Baltazar L. Cuyos, Hon. Timojino C. Lamsin, Hon. Datu Marcial B. Lig-onan, Hon. Rony C. Cirilo, Hon. Tomas L. Dornecillo and Hon. Vergilio B. Abundiente

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of San Isidro was created by virtue of Republic Act 9265 signed by Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, on March 15, 2004. Since its birth and even prior to its creation as a municipality, San Isidro is already cultivating 4,061 hectares of cacao, (scientifically known as "Theobroma Cacao") farm producing more or less 2,285.6 metric tons a year. A premium raw material in producing the locally produced but internationally championed "SIKWATE".

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

"AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SIKWATE FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL MOTHER FESTIVAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, DAVAO DEL NORTE, AND BE CELEBRATED WITHIN THE 4TH WEEK OF OCTOBER EVERY YEAR"

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Isidro, Davao del Norte, in Session Assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "SIKWATE FESTIVAL ORDINANCE" of the Municipality of San Isidro, Davao del Norte.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – Anchored on the One Town-One Product (OTOP) program of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Tourism (DOT), and based on the contribution of CACAO to the economic growth and social development of the municipality, the Local Government Unit of San Isidro declared that "SIKWATE FESTIVAL" is the official mother festival of the Municipality and be celebrated within the fourth (4th) week of October every year.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE- The festival must always adhere to the following principles as follows:

- a. Promotion and enhancement of CACAO Farming technology and sustainability;
- b. Promotion and preservation of Indigenous People (IP) culture and traditions as it is deeply rooted to CACAO farming;

APPROVED: 
Arnel H. Sitoy
Municipal Mayor

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ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II

- c. Organic agriculture as a contribution to the Municipality's economy and the attainment of food security, ecological sustainability and well-being of the municipality of San Isidro;
- d. The empowerment of all farmers in the CACAO agri-industry is a priority which will include the technology transfer trainings, financial support, legislative protection and executive supervision;
- e. Youth as the future of the municipality must be first in the precedence of concerned sector as to awareness and education concerning the value of CACAO for the people and for the future of San Isidro; and
- f. Cultural development activities like mass cultural dancing, song writing, innovated cacao-based games etc., must be an embedded endeavor of the festival.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS –

- a. **"SIKWATE"** – is a local hot choco drink extracted from dried CACAO beans called **"TABLEA"**, processed using the traditional local procedure.
- b. **"TABLEA"** – is a local term which refers to the processed cacao tablet ready for market and consumption.

SECTION 5. The 4th week of October every year shall be set aside to hold a **"SIKWATE"** Festival in the Municipality of San Isidro, Davao del Norte.

SECTION 6. The Local Government Unit of San Isidro shall undertake various activities in this celebration aimed towards welcoming the arrival of CACAO harvest season, anchored on the principles declared in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION –The Municipal Government of San Isidro shall allocate reasonable budget to ensure implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – if any part of this Ordinance or provision be declared by any competent court as invalid, void and unconstitutional, the remaining part which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


CARRIED:

ENACTED AND APPROVED: This 14th day of October, 2014.

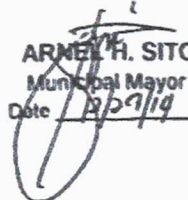
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance


ZENAIDA N. NOR, MDMG
MGDH /Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


TESSIE V. DOMICILLO
Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding)

APPROVED:


ARNEL H. SITO
Municipal Mayor
Date: 10/14/14

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR



**10TH SIKWATE FESTIVAL 2023
OCTOBER 25-27, 2023**

**Theme: "TUBAG SA HAGIT SA PANAHON, KAANGAYAN UG PANAGDAIT
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ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES		
TIME	EVENTS	VENUE
October 25, 2023 (1st day)		
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM	Tribal Prayer	Brgy. Sawata Gym
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass	Brgy. Sawata Gym
9:00 AM - Onwards	Opening Program Ribbon Cutting	Brgy. Sawata Gym
Morning	ABOT SA KAUMAHAN <i>Products Booth Contest</i>	Brgy. Sawata Gym
Afternoon	PAINDIGAY SA KALAMI <i>Cook fest and Kinutil Contest</i>	Brgy. Sawata Gym
Evening	Religious Night Variety Show & IP's Got Talent	Brgy. Sawata Gym
October 26, 2023 (2nd day)		
Morning	Tree Planting and Clean-up Drive PAG-ILA UG PAGPASIDUNGOG <i>Farmer's Day</i>	Brgy. Sawata Gym
Evening	Sikwate Queen 2023	Brgy. Sawata Gym
October 27, 2023 (3rd day)		
Morning	Parade	Brgy. Sawata Gym
	Culmination Program Products Booth Contest (Final Judging)	
	Neo-Ethnic Dance Contest (Elementary Level)	
Afternoon	Neo-Ethnic Dance Contest (High School Level)	
Evening	DAVNOR Band Disco	

	timing, synchronization and mastery of the dance steps or movements and the performance' expression or characterization, confidence enthusiasm and discipline prior, during and after the performance	
Costumes and Props	This refers to the quality, visual appeals of Costumes, Props and consonance of the presentation	20%
Originality and Over-all Impact	This refers to the originality and totality of the dance piece.	10%
TOTAL		100%

NEO-ETHNIC DANCE COMPETITION

1ST - 25,000.00

2ND - 20,000.00

3RD - 15,000.00

Consolation Prize - 5,000.00