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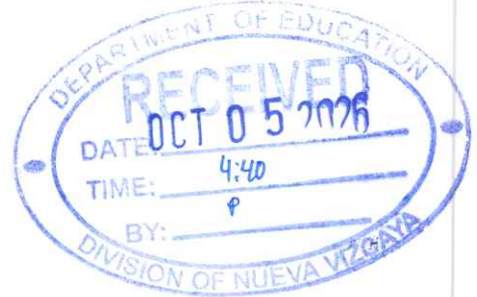


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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

September 30, 2026

ORLANDO E. MANUEL, PhD, CESO V
 Schools Division Superintendent
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 Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
 This Province



Sir:

Herewith respectfully transmitted is a copy of **Ordinance No. 2026-300** "*An Ordinance Localizing the Implementation of Republic Act No. 8972, Otherwise Known as "An Act Providing for Benefits and Privileges to Solo Parents and their Children, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes", as Amended by Republic Act No. 11861 or the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act, and Appropriating Funds Therefor*", for

- (x) the purpose therein stated
- () information and reference
- () appropriate action

Very Truly Yours,

Lorna P. Garcia
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Local Legislative Staff Officer III/
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MEMORANDUM		Date: <u>10/01/2026</u>	Released (Records): <u>Over</u>
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For:	(☒) Information	(☒) Dissemination	
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By:	☒ ASDS	☐ CID Chief	☐ SGOD Chief
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Excerpt from the Journal of the 53rd Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya held at the Session Hall, People's Hall, Capitol Compound, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, on Monday, August 03, 2026, from 09:01 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

PRESENT:

HON. EUNICE GALIMA-GAMBOL, MPA	Temporary Presiding Officer
HON. FLODEMONTE S. GERDAN	Assistant Floor Leader
HON. JOHN SEVERINO G. BAGASAO	Member
HON. WILSON D. SALAS	Member
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HON. JOHN M. BABLI-ING	President, LnB, NV Chapter
HON. NICKSON C. MILLO	President, SK Provincial Federation

ABSENT:

HON. EUFEMIA ANG DACAYO, MDMG	Vice Governor and Presiding Officer (on Official Business)
HON. PRIMO PERCIVAL J. MARCOS	Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-300

AN ORDINANCE LOCALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11861 OR THE EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution, and shall support parents in the performance of their natural and primary right and duty in the rearing of the youth;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000" as amended by Republic Act No. 11861 or the "Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act,"

provides a comprehensive package of social protection programs, benefits, and privileges for solo parents and their children, and mandates local government units to ensure its effective implementation;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code bestow upon This Body power to enact measures that promote the general welfare, including programs for children, women, and families; mandates provinces, cities, and municipalities to deliver basic social welfare services, such as family and community welfare programs; authorizes the creation of local offices and programs to fulfill devolved social services; and authorizes the local sanggunians to enact ordinances promoting the welfare of vulnerable groups;

WHEREAS, localization of the Solo Parents Welfare Act is necessary to harmonize national policies with the socio-economic realities, cultural contexts, and geographic conditions of Nueva Vizcaya

WHEREAS, the Province of Nueva Vizcaya recognizes the welfare of the solo parents within its jurisdiction who bear the sole responsibility for rearing and providing for their children who are the future of the Province and the Nation as a whole; and that empowering solo parents contributes to the promotion of social justice, inclusive development, child welfare, poverty alleviation, and the overall well-being of families;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the province to uphold and advance the rights, welfare, and dignity of solo parents and their children by ensuring accessible, coordinated, and adequately funded programs, services, and interventions across all local levels;

NOW, THEREFORE on motion of Hon. Flodemonte S. Gerdan, unanimously seconded by all the Members present, -

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I
TITLE, DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVE, AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “*Solo Parents Ordinance of Nueva Vizcaya*”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVE. – It is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life. The State shall also promote social justice in all phases of national development, value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights. Towards these ends, the government shall support the natural and primary rights and duty of solo parents in rearing their children by providing for their basic needs, and extending to them assistance in social service and welfare benefits, with the end in view of uplifting their status and circumstances.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

1. Act – refer to R.A. No. 11861 or the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act”.

2. Solo parent – refers to an individual who falls under any of the following categories, however, a change in the status or circumstance of the parent claiming benefits under this Act, such that he/she is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for these benefits.
- a. A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender: *Provided*, That the mother keeps and raises the child;
 - b. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse;
 - c. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least three months;
 - d. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;
 - e. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or de facto separation from spouse for at six (6) months, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
 - f. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
 - g. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least six (6) months;
 - h. Spouse or any family member of an Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), or the guardian of the child or children of an OFW: *Provided*, That the said OFW belongs to the low/semi-skilled worker category and is away from the Philippines for an uninterrupted period of twelve (12) months: *Provided*, further, That the OFW, his or her spouse, family member, or guardian of the child or children of an OFW falls under the requirements of this section;
 - i. Unmarried mother or father who keeps and rears the child or children;
 - j. Any legal guardian, adoptive or foster parent who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children;
 - k. Any relative within fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the parent or legal guardian who assumes parental care and support of the child or children as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or absence of the parents or solo parent for at least six (6) months: *Provided*, That in cases of solo grandparents who are senior citizens but who have the sole parental care and support over their grandchildren who are unmarried, or unemployed and twenty-two (22) years old or below, or those twenty-two (22) years old or over but who are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, they shall be entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance in addition to the benefits granted to them by Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the 'Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003'; or

1. A pregnant woman who provides sole parental care and support to the unborn child or children.”
3. Children – refer to those living with and dependent upon the solo parent for support who are unmarried, in school, unemployed and not more than 22 years of age, or even over 22 years but are incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.
4. Indigent solo parent - refers to one whose net income falls below the poverty threshold set by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and is not receiving a monthly pension or allowance from a conceded public or private entity beyond such poverty threshold, as assessed and verified by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and/or Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
5. Parental responsibility – with respect to their minor children shall refer to the rights and duties of the parents as defined in Article 220 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the “Family Code of the Philippines.”
6. Parental leave – shall mean leave benefits granted to a solo parent to enable him/her to perform parental duties and responsibilities where physical presence is required.
7. Flexible work schedule – is the right granted to a solo parent employee to vary his/her arrival and departure time without affecting the core work hours as defined by the employer.
8. SPID– refers to the Solo Parent Identification Card issued to qualified Solo Parents.

ARTICLE II

WELFARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES. – Notwithstanding that the mandate under Republic Act No. 11861 is unto the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya formally imposes upon itself the obligation to provide the solo parents and their children the welfare services and special privileges and benefits that the law has enumerated such as livelihood assistance, counseling, parent effectiveness, critical incidence stress debriefing, among others. Accordingly, the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 11861 are hereby considered written in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. FLEXIBLE WORKING SCHEDULE. – The employer shall provide for a flexible work schedule for solo parent employees. Provided, that it will not affect the individual and company productivity. Provided further, that any employer may request exemption from the DOLE on certain meritorious grounds.

SECTION 6. WORK DISCRIMINATION. – Discrimination against any solo parent employee with respect to employment terms and conditions on account of his/her status shall be prohibited. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the solo parent is employed in the private or public sector.

SECTION 7. SOLO PARENT LEAVE. – In addition to leave privileges under existing laws, parental leave of not more than seven (7) working days per year shall be granted to any solo parent employee who has rendered service of at least six (6) months, regardless of employment status.

The seven-day parental leave shall be non-cumulative. This benefit is available to solo parent employees in both the public and private sectors.

A solo parent household helper or kasambahay is also entitled to the seven-day parental leave. Provided, that they have rendered service of at least six (6) months to the same employer.

SECTION 8. EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT. – The Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, in coordination and partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other relevant public or private institutions, shall endeavor to provide the following educational benefits and privileges:

1. Scholarship programs for qualified solo parents and their children in institutions of basic, tertiary and technical/skills education; and
2. Nonformal education programs appropriate for solo parents and their children.

For the purposes of this Section, for a child to be eligible, the child must dependent on the solo parent, must be unmarried, unemployed, and not more than twenty two years of age.

SECTION 9. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. – The Provincial Integrated Health Office (PIHO) shall develop a health care program for solo parents and their children. The program shall be implemented in the hospitals and medical centers managed and administered by Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, and the Rural Health Units (RHUs) of the Municipalities within the Province.

SECTION 10. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM. – The Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office (PROCEDE) shall develop livelihood development services which shall include training on livelihood skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of seed capital through micro-credit. It shall also assist qualified solo parents who would like to establish their own micro and small businesses and/or to join existing businesses, or to form ne cooperatives.

SECTION 11. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE. – The Public Employment Service Division shall prioritize solo parents in its job placements activities. It shall further ensure that no solo parent shall be discriminated in their job placement activities.

SECTION 12. CASH SUBSIDY. – A cash subsidy in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per month shall be granted by the Provincial Government to each qualified solo parent whose income is equivalent to the prevailing minimum wage or below. The monthly subsidy shall accrue throughout the calendar year and shall be released in a lump-sum payment.

For purposes of this Section, only qualified solo parents who are not receiving any other cash assistance or subsidy of a similar nature from any national or local government program shall be eligible to receive the subsidy. However, a qualified beneficiary who is likewise a senior citizen or a person with disability (PWD) shall continue to receive the benefits and privileges accorded under existing laws and ordinances applicable to senior citizens or persons with disabilities, without prejudice to the benefits provided under this Ordinance.

A solo parent may avail of the monthly cash subsidy, if the solo parent is earning a minimum wage and below, and have submitted the following:

1. Solo Parent Identification Card (SPID);
2. General Information Sheet (GIS);
3. An accomplished claim form; and
4. A certification issued by the barangay confirming that the solo parent is classified as indigent.

The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office shall evaluate the submission and assess whether the claiming solo parent is eligible to the monthly subsidy.

ARTICLE III REGISTRATION, REQUIREMENTS, AND AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS

SECTION 13. REGISTRATION. – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall undertake the registration of all solo parents and their children within their respective jurisdictions, for purposes of obtaining, among others, information on their names, ages, addresses, income, including the source thereof, number of children per solo parent, and the circumstances of each solo parent, all subject to the Data Privacy Act of 2012. The MSWDO shall likewise be responsible for the issuance of Solo Parent Identification Cards.

SECTION 14. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. – For purposes of registration and issuance of the Solo Parent Identification Card (SPID) o, the solo parent shall submit the documentary requirements prescribed under the applicable national laws, rules, and regulations governing solo parents.

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall ensure that the required documents are consistent with and compliant with such national standards, and may issue supplemental guidelines, when necessary, for the proper implementation of this provision.

SECTION 15. ISSUANCE OF SPID. – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices shall issue a SPID to an eligible solo parent, which shall be subject to annual revalidation within the first quarter of each year. Further, the MSWDO shall affix a sticker after the evaluation to the back of the SPID for verified solo parents for the current year.

SECTION 16. AVAILMENT OF BENEFITS. – To avail the benefits under this Ordinance, the solo parent shall present his/her valid SPID with the sticker indicating the year validated.

SECTION 17. DISQUALIFICATION. – A change in the status of circumstances of the parent claiming benefits under this Ordinance, such that he/he is no longer left alone with the responsibility of parenthood, shall terminate his/her eligibility for benefits.

ARTICLE V MISCAELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 18. ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLO PARENTS SECTION. – There shall be established a Solo Parent Section under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office. The Provincial Governor, through the PSWDO, the Provincial Human Resource Management Office (PHRMO), the Provincial Budget Office (PBO), and other concerned offices, shall take the necessary measures to facilitate the creation, funding in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Provincial Government shall include the Head of the Solo Parent Section position in the approved organizational structure and staffing pattern of the PSWDO, subject to existing civil service laws, rules, regulations, and standards, as well as the budgetary requirements and limitations prescribed under applicable laws. The funding requirements for the compensation and other authorized benefits of the position shall be charged against the appropriate appropriations of the Province, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

The Head of the Solo Parent Section, in addition to its other functions, shall:

1. Plan, implement, and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of this Ordinance;
2. Draw up a list of available and required services for the solo parents;
3. Maintain and regularly update, on a quarterly basis, the list of solo parents;
4. Serve as a general information and liaison center for solo parents;
5. Monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, particularly the grant of privileges and additional benefits;
6. Report to the governor or the PSWDO, any individual, establishment, business entity, institution or agency that violates any provision of this Ordinance;
7. Assist the solo parents in filing the complaints against any individual, establishment, business entity, institution or agency that refuses or fails to provide the privileges and additional benefits of solo parents granted under this Ordinance; and
8. Provide such other services as may be required under this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS DAY AND WEEK. – To commemorate the role and significance of every solo parent in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, the third week and third Saturday of April of every year shall be hereby celebrated as the Solo Parents Week and National Solo Parents Day, respectively, as hereby declared by the Solo Parents Welfare Act.

SECTION 20. RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, upon consultation with the PIHO, PROCEDE, Respective MSWDOs and other concerned offices shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations, consistent with provisions of existing pertinent laws, for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATIONS. – The Provincial Local Government Unit shall allocate an initial appropriation of Fifteen Million Pesos (P15,000,000.00) necessary to carry out the implementation of this Ordinance for inclusion in the Annual Budget.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Ordinance which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

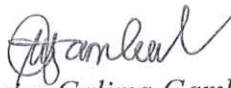
SECTION 23. NON-IMPAIRMENT CLAUSE. – Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 24. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All Ordinances, executive orders, Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

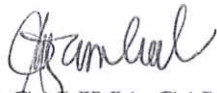
SECTION 25. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Governor, subject to posting requirements under Section 59 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines.

CARRIED,

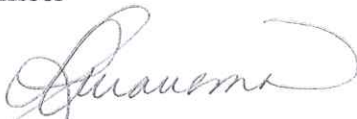
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Hon. Eunice Galima-Gambol, MPA

WE CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

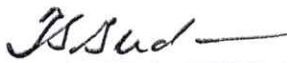

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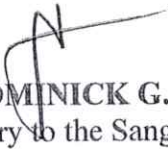

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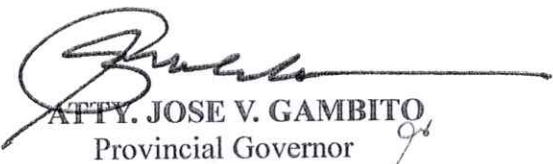

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Provincial Governor

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