



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF MANUKAN

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2025 AT THE SB
SESSION HALL, MANUKAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

PRESENT:

Hon. Eugene U. Caballero, Municipal Vice-Mayor,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Glenn L. Omaña,	SB Member
Hon. Chilly D. Oñez,	-do-
Hon. Melisa G. Belagantol,	-do-
Hon. Guillermo B. Omay, Jr.,	-do-
Hon. Mariane E. Alia,	-do-
Hon. Guilbert J. Villarin,	-do-
Hon. Flerida M. Agustin,	-do-
Hon. Felicito B. Café,	-do-
Hon. Robby Earl B. Villarin, ABC Fed. Pres.,	-do-
Hon. Sammy D. Culanculan, SK Fed. Pres,	-do-
Hon. Pedrito A. Nataa, IPMR,	-do-

ABSENT:

None

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Resolution No. 2025-097

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MOLAVE TREE AS THE MUNICIPAL TREE OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANUKAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

WHEREAS, the Molave tree (*Vitex parviflora*) has long been recognized for its resilience, ecological benefits, and economic value. As a native species of the Philippines, particularly in regions such as Zamboanga del Norte, the Molave tree has become an integral part of the local landscape. In recent years, it has been recognized as the dominant tree species in the Municipality of Manukan, highlighting its significance in the region's natural ecosystem;

WHEREAS, the tree's adaptability to various soil types and climates, along with its ability to withstand harsh conditions, positions it as a key species for local conservation efforts and sustainable land management practices;

WHEREAS, ecologically, the tree plays a critical role in preventing soil erosion wherein its extensive root system anchors the soil, particularly in areas prone to heavy rainfall, thus, preserving the fertility of the land and preventing the loss of vital agricultural resources. This makes it particularly beneficial in areas like Manukan, where agriculture is a primary livelihood. Additionally, the Molave tree supports local wildlife by providing shelter and food sources, contributing to the overall health of the ecosystem;

WHEREAS, economically, the Molave tree's high quality wood is highly valued for its durability, strength and resistance to decay. These qualities make it ideal for use

in construction, furniture-making and other woodcraft industries. The sustainable harvesting of Molave wood can provide economic opportunities for local communities, while also promoting responsible forest management and conservation practices. Furthermore, the tree's adaptability to various agroforestry systems allows it to be integrated into farming landscapes, enhancing agricultural productivity and providing additional income for farmers;

WHEREAS, the declaration of Molave tree as municipal tree of Manukan will foster a sense of environmental pride and awareness among the residents. It provides for an opportunity for environmental education, especially in schools, where students can learn about the importance of trees, conservation and sustainability. It will serve as a symbol of our commitment to sustainable environmental practices and encourage efforts in reforestation and the conservation of native species, ensuring the future generations will benefit from a healthy, thriving ecosystem;

WHEREAS, by declaring the Molave tree as our municipal tree, we will establish a unique identity that reflects the strength, resilience, and natural beauty of our community. It can be a focal point for local pride and a unifying symbol for the people of Manukan. The tree's unique qualities and cultural significance could also contribute to the promotion of eco-tourism in Manukan. As people come to learn the municipality's efforts in conservation and sustainability, they may be inspired to visit and contribute to local economies;

WHEREAS, it is important to note that the molave tree planted by residents of this municipality is required to be registered under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) laws, regulations and administrative orders. The registration is an important process for ensuring the legal recognition and proper management of tree plantations in the Philippines. It is also done to monitor and manage reforestation, agroforestry, and tree farming initiatives, and it also helps to ensure that the plantations contribute to the country's environmental goals, such as reducing deforestation, enhancing biodiversity and supporting climate change mitigation efforts;

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, and on motion of Hon. Guillermo B. Omay, Jr. duly seconded by majority of the members present, It was

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to declare the Molave Tree as the Municipal Tree of the Municipality of Manukan, Zamboanga del Norte.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing excerpt.


APRIL ROSE B. TULABING
Secretary to the SB




EUGENE U. CABALLERO
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 8/12, 2025


ENRIQUITA U. WINTERS
Municipal Mayor