



Republic of the Philippines  
**MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG**  
Province of Oriental Mindoro



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON JULY 07, 2014 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03**  
Series of 2014

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS ARBOR DAY, ENJOINING ITS CELEBRATION AS AN ANNUAL EVENT OF TREE PLANTING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of natural resources and rejuvenate the environment by undertaking nationwide tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. 10176 or "The Arbor Day Act of 2012" mandates the revival of the observance of Arbor Day by authorizing Local Government Units the responsibilities for celebrating the day for tree planting as an annual event;

**WHEREAS**, the same Act requires all provinces, cities and municipalities with their component barangays to revive, by appropriate proclamation of their respective local chief executives, through an Ordinance enacted by their respective Sanggunian an Arbor Day at an appropriate fixed date every calendar year as shall be deemed suitable according to the proper time and season for planting trees in the respective provinces, municipalities or cities concerned;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro in session assembled that:

  
HERCULES A. UMALI  
Municipal Mayor

**Section 1.** This Ordinance shall be known as the ARBOR DAY ORDINANCE OF BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO;

**Section 2.** Definition of Arbor Day – it refers to one-day activity of tree planting and other relevant form of activity held annually at a date fixed in this Ordinance;

**Section 3.** Every first Monday of September is hereby declared as ARBOR DAY in the entire Municipality of Bongabong;

**Section 4.** Arbor Day Celebration Committee – there is hereby created an Arbor Day Celebration Committee which shall be in charge of the activity composed of the following:

Chairperson - Municipal Mayor  
Vice-Chairperson - SB Chairperson, Committee on Environment  
Members - One (1) Representative each of:

- a. DepEd North District;
- b. DepEd South District
- c. Municipal Local Government Operations Office
- d. Municipal Agriculture's Office
- e. Liga ng mga Barangay
- f. Municipal Tourism Council
- g. Tri Media
- h. Municipal Police Station
- i. 411<sup>th</sup> PNP Provincial Mobile Group
- j. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
- k. Civic Organizations

**Section 5.** Every first Monday of September is hereby declared a regular working holiday in the Municipality to ensure the participation of all concerned sectors;

**Section 6.** Planting of Trees.- All able-bodied citizens of the Municipality of Bongabong, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

**Section 7.** Areas Covered by Tree Planting.- The Arbor Day Celebration Committee shall specify the area within the LGU to be planted or reforested. If the area to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection forest, the Committee shall encourage the use of endemic or indigenous species during the observance of the Arbor Day designated by the LGU.

The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- (a) Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
- (b) Idle or vacant public lands;
- (c) Public parks in urban and rural areas; and
- (d) Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof

**Section 8.** Maintenance of Trees.- The barangay officials and deputized non-governmental organizations shall be responsible for the maintenance of such trees.

**Section 9.** For this year's celebration of Arbor Day, the LGU shall appropriate by way of supplemental budget the amount to be used for the celebration of this year's Arbor Day; thereafter, the appropriation shall be provided in the annual general fund budget;

**Section 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.-** To strictly implement the provisions under this ordinance, the Local Chief Executive (LCE) shall formulate and/or adopt Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for this purpose upon the recommendation of the Arbor Day Celebration Committee.

**Section 11.** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unlawful or unconstitutional, other person not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect;

**Section 12.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Certified true:

*Edu Magino*  
**Atty. EDUARDO M. MAGSINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attested:

*[Signature]*  
**ALFONSO A. MONTALBO, DMD**  
Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:

*[Signature]*  
**HERCULES A. UMALI**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: JUL 30 2014