



Republic of the Philippines  
City of Angeles  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
17<sup>TH</sup> Council

**RESOLUTION NO. 8047, S-2018  
(PR-701-05-18)**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 1022, ENTITLED “AN ACT DECLARING “BAYBAYIN” AS THE NATIONAL WRITING SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

**WHEREAS**, Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution Section 16 states “All the country’s artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition.”;

**WHEREAS**, the House Committees on Basic Education and Culture of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines approved An Act Declaring “Baybayin” As The National Writing System Of The Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, *Baybayin*, it is an ancient Philippine script used by the Tagalog people;

**WHEREAS**, *Baybayin* is an indigenous script of the Tagalog people only, not the entirety of peoples within the Philippine archipelago, as each ethnic group in the country had its own indigenous script distinct from each other prior to Spanish colonization;

**WHEREAS**, Angeles City recognizes having its own indigenous heritage script - Sulat Kapampangan otherwise known as Kulitan;

**WHEREAS**, any policy that unjustly elevates and privileges of one indigenous language (and writing) over the others is fundamentally unfair;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, Section 16 asserts “... Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, xxx.”

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10066 Section 16 directs local government units to document traditional and contemporary arts and crafts, including their processes and makers, and sustain the sources of their raw materials. Local government units shall encourage and sustain traditional arts and crafts as active and viable sources of income for the community.

**WHEREAS**, The 17<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City approved Ordinance No. 424, An Ordinance Establishing Kapampangan As An Official Language Of Angeles City And Institutionalizing Its Use In All Sectors, Alongside Existing National And Official Languages” in November 23, 2017

**WHEREAS**, said ordinance included provisions for the Protection of Heritage Script Kulitan;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City in session assembled that a resolution opposing House Bill No. 1022 AN ACT DECLARING "BAYBAYIN" AS THE NATIONAL WRITING SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES for the protection of all indigenous writing systems, and pushing for further study, revision of the bill and proposal the use of a neutral term: Suyat or Surat instead of Baybayin to mean all existing and discovered ancient and traditional scripts of the Philippine indigenous peoples be, as it is hereby, approved.

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Sponsored by Councilors **Amos B. Rivera, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr. ,**


Jae Vincent T. Flores, Jesus S. Sangil and Danilo D. Lacson

Seconded by Councilors Alexander P. Indiongco, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio and Joseph G. Ponce

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UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present: Councilors Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Alexander P. Indiongco, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio, Danilo D. Lacson, Joseph G. Ponce, Jesus S. Sangil, Amos B. Rivera and Jae Vincent T. Flores during Regular Session No. 11 held on May 22, 2018.

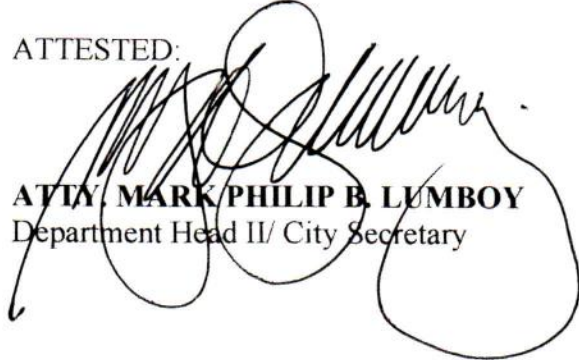
APPROVED:



**JERICHO G. AGUAS**

Acting City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



**ATTY. MARK PHILIP B. LUMBOY**  
Department Head II/ City Secretary