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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIKATUNA IN THE**  
**PROVINCE OF BOHOL FOR CELEBRATING ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY ON DECEMBER 05, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the town of Sikatuna is a 5<sup>th</sup> income class municipality in the Province of Bohol. It has a total area of 3,822 hectares, making it the smallest municipality in Bohol<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Sikatuna may be the smallest municipality in Bohol but its history is so rich, particularly on how from a barrio it emerged to being a municipality and how it got its name;

**WHEREAS**, according to its history, Sikatuna was once a part of the municipality of Baclayon and was called as barrio Cambojod. When Albuquerque became a town, Sikatuna then became a part of its new territory and the name "Cambojod" was changed to "Cornago". It was then after that change when the local political leaders craved for independence and to become a separate town;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the then barrio Cornago achieved its dream of becoming a separate town was made possible when its head, Clemente Lacea, ran for the position as Municipal President of Albur in the 1916 election and was duly elected. During Lacea's term, the municipal council was steered into enacting the ordinance suggesting the creation of Cornago into a separate town<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, after achieving their dream came the problem of what

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikatuna,\\_Bohol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikatuna,_Bohol)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.bohol-philippines.com/history-of-sikatuna.html>

<sup>3</sup> *Supra*

name to be given to the new municipality. Tan Igue, a prominent political figure in the province, came up with the idea that the new name should have some connection with the number “three”, as this number had already manifested so much significance in the town’s political journey<sup>4</sup>. Hence, the name SAIKATONA (pronounced as “SA IKA TO NA”), which means “ON THE THIRD TIME”, was suggested and later on became SIKATUNA;

**WHEREAS**, the municipality of Sikatuna was made into a separate municipality by virtue of Executive Order No. 88 on December 05, 1917 which was issued by Governor General Francis Burton Harrison;

**WHEREAS**, during the World War II, despite the presence of Japanese soldiers, Sikatuna was still a haven for evacuees, not just from the neighboring towns, but from the province of Cebu as well. The Japanese period in Sikatuna was characterized by order and harmony, thus, peace reigned in this small town, albeit it was war time elsewhere in the country and in the world<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the municipality of Sikatuna in the province of Bohol remained strong and steadfast even after the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that shook the whole province of Bohol on October 15, 2013, and it will now be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate the municipality of Sikatuna in the Province of Bohol for celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on December 05, 2017.

*Adopted,*

  
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<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> <http://attynilogahat.blogspot.com/2009/10/untold-history-of-sikatuna-bohol.html>