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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the special session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on December 19, 2023, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1097-2023

AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH), AND THE SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION (SMC) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT (ADOPT-A-RIVER PROGRAM) IN NAYOM RIVER, BUED RIVER, BALINGCAGUING RIVER, AND OTHER RIVERS IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5(h)(6) of Executive Order 192, the DENR establishes policies and implements programs for the encouragement of greater people participation and private initiative in natural resources management;

WHEREAS, the DPWH is the primary agency responsible for river maintenance and improvement, which may include dredging activities focused on reducing flood risks, maintaining waterways, and ensuring the proper management of water-related infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the SMC has implemented “Adopt-a-River Program”, an initiative which is possibly the country’s biggest and most impactful corporate social responsibility (CSR) effort in collaboration with the national and local governments. Further, such comprehensive program intends to reduce pollution and flooding in the Nayom River, Bued River, Balingcaguing River, and other rivers to be identified and prioritized in collaboration with the Province of Pangasinan.



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WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan holds a crucial role and obligation in preserving and safeguarding rivers, thus allowing them to achieve their maximum potential as self-sustaining communities and enhancing their effectiveness as collaborators in achieving national goals and objectives;

WHEREAS, the present undertaking is in line with the DPWH-DENR-DILG-DoTR Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 01, Series of 2019, which pertains to the guidelines on the issuance of clearance and/or permit for dredging within waterways or other inland bodies of water;

WHEREAS, the same Circular covers dredging projects for flood control and navigation funded and to be implemented by the DPWH or LGUs, either by administration or by contract;

WHEREAS, the DENR, the DPWH, the SMC, and the Province of Pangasinan intend to implement a river restoration project in order to provide a healthy, clean and safe environment, and acknowledge and agree to support the environmental improvement of the Nayom River, Bued River, Balingcaguing River, and other rivers in Pangasinan, thereby reducing pollution and flooding;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla, duly seconded, it was -

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled to authorize, as he is hereby authorized, the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Public Works and Highways, and the San Miguel Corporation for the implementation of river restoration project (Adopt-A-River Program) in Nayom River, Bued River, Balingcaguing River, and other rivers in the Province of Pangasinan;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the San Miguel Corporation, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)