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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on January 8, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Napoleon C. Fontelera, Jr.

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 6-2024

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND/OR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. AGENCY FOR GLOBAL MEDIA (USAGM) FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S ONLINE MEDIA SERVICES TO REBROADCAST VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) AUDIO, VIDEO AND TEXT PROGRAMS, BY VIRTUE OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE ROYALTY-FREE LICENSE GRANTED BY THE USAGM TO THE PROVINCE

WHEREAS, one of the visions of the present administration is to strengthen various programs and projects on information and media relations of the Province;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan to reach wider audience and disseminate information to the public as fast and as accurate as possible by using modern technology;

WHEREAS, in order to realize the foregoing goal, the Province of Pangasinan has signified its intention to enter into a partnership with the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), an independent agency of the United States government that broadcasts news and information, for a license to incorporate Voice of America (VOA) original web content from the VOA News Website in the Provincial Government's Online Media Services:

WHEREAS, in a letter addressed to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, dated January 3, 2024 by the USAGM, the letter agrees to grant a non-exclusive royalty-free license to the Provincial Government's Online Media Services in order to rebroadcast VOA audio, video and text programs available by the Internet;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions to be forged between the USAGM and the Province of Pangasinan are stipulated in the Contract/Agreement;





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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan expresses its support to this Program in order to provide the people with trusted and objective news, information, and cultural programming through the Internet, mobile and social media, radio, and television;

WHEREAS, Section 465 (vi) of RA 7160 provides that the Provincial Governor shall represent the Province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, for the above-purpose, the Contract/Agreement shall be entered into and signed between the Province of Pangasinan, represented by the Honorable Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, and the U.S. Agency for Global Media, represented by Director Purwaningrum Spicer, Office of Business Development – Asia;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Napoleon C. Fontelera, Jr., duly seconded, it was -

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to authorize, as he is hereby authorized, the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to sign the Acknowledgement, and/or to enter into Contract/Agreement with the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) for the Provincial Government's Online Media Services to rebroadcast Voice of America (VOA) audio, video and text programs, by virtue of a non-exclusive royalty-free license granted by the USAGM to the Province;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, and Mr. Purwaningrum Spicer, Director, Office of Business Development – Asia, Office of Business Development, U.S. Agency for Global Media, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA TANAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO

Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)