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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 April 29, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Apolonia DG. Bacay

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 323-2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING/CREATING THE PANGASINAN SALT CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, salt is a prime commodity that is used for seasoning or preserving food and for other non-food uses;

WHEREAS, Pangasinan derived its name from salt or “asin” in the dialect which means “where salt is made” due to the rich and fine salt beds which were the prime source of livelihood for the province's coastal towns in the early years;

WHEREAS, Pangasinan was one of the leading salt producers in the country but the production has declined over the years since the country has been importing more than 90% of its salt needs;

WHEREAS, it is the thrust of the Provincial Government to revitalize, enhance and promote salt industry in Pangasinan through the establishment of a salt center that would conduct research and development programs and activities aimed to increase the production of marginal and artisanal saltmakers;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum of Agreement dated October 6, 2022 between the Province of Pangasinan and the Lyceum-Northwestern University, aimed to the implementation of the Project: “Revitalizing the Artisanal Salt-Making in Pangasinan, the latter has signified its willingness to identify and conduct research on the Province’s history and culture as well as to provide guidance in the policies and programs to be implemented by the Center for Pangasinan Studies;

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WHEREAS, in Provincial Resolution No. 975-2022 dated December 12, 2022, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has also authorized the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the Interim Management of the Foreshore Area for Salt Production and other related activities or the Temporary Salt Production Sharing Agreement;

WHEREAS, the salt production agreement aims to lessen the province's reliance on imports by providing local salt stakeholders with ample support and protection in order to develop and innovate the salt production industry in Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Pangasinan Salt Center would play an important role in the enhancement and development of salt industry through a wide range of areas of study, research and activities;

WHEREAS, there is a need therefore, to establish/create the Pangasinan Salt Center in order to have a comprehensive and holistic enrichment of salt in the Province of Pangasinan;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Apolonia DG. Bacay, duly seconded -

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Establishing/Creating the Pangasinan Salt Center and Appropriating Funds Therefor".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Province of Pangasinan hereby establishes/creates the Pangasinan Salt Center under the Office of the Provincial Governor in order to increase salt production and produce very good quality of salt through enhancement and improvement of the different methods and practices on salt production, and ultimately to strengthen the development of salt industry in the province.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. The Province of Pangasinan aims to ensure that the following objectives for which the Pangasinan Salt Center was established shall be achieved, to wit:



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1. To formulate a road map to strengthen and revitalize salt industry in the Province through the conduct of various research and development activities;
2. To provide technical assistance to marginal and artisanal salt makers of Pangasinan through the institutionalization of relevant training and capacity building for salt farmers, salt manufacturers, and salt process associations;
3. To monitor/conduct survey of existing salt farms and salt enterprises in coordination with the respective localities of the Province, and identify areas, along with appropriate government agencies, that are suitable for use as salt farms;
4. To manage the operations including sales and marketing of salt and salt-related products of the Pangasinan Salt Farm;
5. To coordinate with concerned agencies for the implementation of development programs and projects like the acquisition of salt iodization, post-harvest and/or other modern equipment;
6. To assist LGUs in the development and sustainability of salt industry through the formulation of legislative measures and information campaigns;
7. To submit annual/semi-annual report to the Office of the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on the status of the salt industry development in Pangasinan; and to recommend to the Office of the Governor the required yearly budget for the implementation of salt development programs and projects.

SECTION 4. MANAGEMENT OF OPERATIONS. The Pangasinan Salt Center shall be managed by an Executive Director who shall run the day to day affairs of the Center, and shall be assisted by an administrative staff.

SECTION 5. SOURCE OF FUND. The Provincial Government of Pangasinan shall include in its regular Annual Budget an appropriation which shall be used for the maintenance, operation and other purposes of the Center.



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SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with, or contrary to, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
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APPROVED:

RAMON V. GUICO III
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