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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 November 25, 2024, at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1038-2024

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, HON. RAMON V. GUICO III, TO REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PANGASINAN'S SOCIAL WELFARE AND SERVICES PROJECTS FROM THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC)

WHEREAS, there will be an upcoming National and Local Elections, and BARMM Parliamentary Elections where the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is mandated by the 1987 Philippine Constitution to enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of an election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum, and recall;

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the (COMELEC) issued Resolution No. 11060 or the "Rules and Regulations on Prohibition Against Release, Disbursement or Expenditure of Public Funds for Social Services and Housing-Related Projects, and Issuance of Treasury Warrants and Similar Devices Under Sections 261 (v) and (w) of the Omnibus Election Code in Connection with the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections";

WHEREAS, this resolution is mandated to prohibit the disbursement and expenditures of social services of all LGUs during the forty-five (45) day election ban including the Province of Pangasinan, particularly the provision states: *Rule II, Section 2 of the said resolution provides that the release of public funds for social welfare and services projects from March 28, 2025 (Friday) to May 11, 2025 (Sunday) is prohibited, except as authorized by COMELEC;*

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan is currently implementing worthy programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of the Province especially on health reform and other social welfare assistance and it aims to have a continuity of these services rendered to the people amidst the upcoming local and national elections;



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WHEREAS, in the establishment of the Pangasinan Government Unified Incentives for Medical Consultation Program in pursuance to the provisions of the Universal Health Care Act and Philhealth Konsulta with the aim to promote preventive health care for every Pangasinense, the Province of Pangasinan provides any or a combination of the following services:

1. Provision of free medicines, vitamins and supplements;
2. Cash Incentives;
3. Food assistance; *and*
4. Transportation assistance;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan would like to seek an exemption from the prohibition against the release, disbursement or expenditure of public funds in the implementation of the services under the unified incentives program and to include also the following regular and long-established PPAs:

1. Financial assistance for medical, burial and shelter purposes
2. Transportation assistance for stranded individuals
3. Educational assistance for children of solo parents and Violence against Women and Children (VAWC) clients
4. Provision of assistive devices for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
5. Food assistance
6. Relief assistance
7. Food-for-work programs

WHEREAS, it is the primordial concern of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan to guarantee the uninterrupted provision of healthcare and other necessary services to every Pangasinense especially the underprivileged;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino, 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 request for a Certificate of Exemption for the Provincial Government of Pangasinan's social welfare and services projects from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC);




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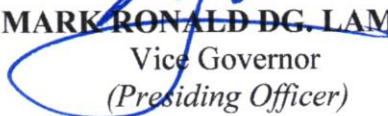
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RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, for his information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)