

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 March 6, 2023 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Shiela Marie F. Baniqued

## **PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 218-2023**

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM** OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE EYE BANK FOUNDATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. FOR THE **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOSPITAL EYE/CORNEA** RETRIEVAL PROGRAM IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN THROUGH THE PANGASINAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan fully supports the Prevention of Blindness Program of the Department of Health with the aim to strengthen partnership between and among stakeholders to eliminate avoidable blindness in the Province;

WHEREAS, one way to achieve this goal is to implement the Hospital Eye/Cornea Retrieval Program in the Province of Pangasinan through the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (Eye Bank);

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the Program, many forms of corneal blindness can be cured by corneal transplantation and the mandate of the Eye Bank is to ensure the continued availability of transplantable corneal tissue so that corneal transplantation remains accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the Eye Bank is a leading non-government organization duly recognized by the Department of Health that owns and operates a medical eye bank named Santa Lucia International Eye Bank of Manila, an internationally recognized Eye Bank Facility with personnel who are skilled in the field of eye tissue retrieval, processing, storage and distribution throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital is the Partner Hospital of the Eye Bank and will help promote corneal and eye donation for transplantation in pursuance to pertinent laws;



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WHEREAS, the terms and conditions in the implementation of the Program and the duties and responsibilities of the parties are stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement;

WHEREAS, for the above purpose, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into and signed between the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Governor Ramon V. Guico III, and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines, Inc., represented by its Acting President and CEO, Ms. Bernardita C. Navarro;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on motion of SP Member Shiela Marie F. Baniqued, 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 enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. for the implementation of the Hospital Eye/Cornea Retrieval Program in the Province of Pangasinan through the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY,** that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, and Ms. Bernardita C. Navarro, Acting President and CEO, Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines, Inc., for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED B T. NAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

**DG. LAMBINO** MARK Governor (Presiding Officer)

