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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN 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 June 19, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 544-2023**

**CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY; AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND WAYS AND MEANS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON MATTER OF COMPLAINTS OF END-USERS OF QUARRY AGGREGATES OVER EXCESSIVE PRICE INCREASE IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN**

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of RA 7160 provides that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic services and facilities in the province, and in addition it shall adopt measures and safeguards on small scale mining in consonance with approved environmental laws;

**WHEREAS**, Pangasinan is endowed with vast natural resources and one of the sources of income of the Province is also derived from the operations of mining and quarry activities;

**WHEREAS**, reports, however, have reached the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that there are complaints of spiralling prices of sand and gravel in the Province of Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, the government must act firmly to bring prices of these raw materials under control or else building businesses and ordinary households will suffer from the rise of prices;

**WHEREAS**, no less than the Provincial Governor himself, Ramon V. Guico III, has pronounced to use all legal means to punish all and sundry if caught selling overpriced aggregates in the province;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan as the highest legislative body of the Province is empowered to conduct an inquiry/committee hearing on certain matters that are of public interest and in aid of legislation;





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**WHEREAS**, the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; and Economic Affairs and Ways and Means are the proper bodies to conduct the said committee hearing as the matter of regulation on the impact of mining and quarry operations to the environment and people, the general economic development and regulation diversification of industry is within its specific area of legislation to address;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to give equal attention to this very important issue regarding increase in prices of quarry aggregates in Pangasinan and come up with proper solutions in order to protect the people;

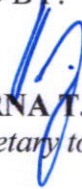
**WHEREAS**, it is requested that the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; and Ways and Means which are the proper bodies to conduct the said inquiry shall set the same the soonest possible time and invite concerned authorities that can apprise the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on the matter;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla, duly seconded, it was –


**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to call for, as it is hereby called for, an investigation by the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; and Economic Affairs and Ways and Means, in aid of legislation, on matter of complaints of end-users of quarry aggregates over excessive price increase in the Province of Pangasinan;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla, Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; and SP Member Apolonia DG. Bacay, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Ways and Means, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

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