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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 September 25, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Members Noel C. Bince and Vici M. Ventanilla

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 833-2023

IMPLORING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL ALONG THE LINGAYEN GULF COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LINGAYEN AND BINMALEY, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN PENDING COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF LAW

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is in receipt of a letter from the various associations of fishermen in the Municipalities of Lingayen and Binmaley, both of Pangasinan, dated September 6, 2023, through Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino, expressing objection to the proposed construction of seawall along the beach areas of Lingayen up to Binmaley;

WHEREAS, a joint public hearing was conducted by the Committees on Agriculture; Housing, Land Utilization and Agrarian Reform; Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; Tourism, Foreign Affairs and Migrant Workers Concern; and Infrastructure, Public Services and Utilities on September 14, 2023 on the said petition letter;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Local Government Units of Lingayen and Binmaley, represented by their respective Municipal Mayors, and other concerned authorities and stakeholders were invited to the said public hearing;

WHEREAS, the pros and cons of the ongoing seawall construction along the Lingayen Gulf were manifested by many stakeholders especially fisherfolks during the said joint public hearing and it was found out that they are really against the project considering that the seawall will disrupt fishing activities in the area;



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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways which is the main agency implementing the project admitted that requirement for the construction such as the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is not yet complied with and that they are still applying for the re-amendment of the ECC previously issued for the baywalk project;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan strongly believes that the ongoing seawall construction is not supported by necessary documents like an ECC or masterplan, as the case may be, taking into account that the Lingayen Gulf is declared as an environmentally critical area under Presidential Proclamation No. 156, S-1993, issued and signed by the late former President Fidel V. Ramos;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concludes that the seawall project is being implemented without compliance to all necessary requirements under the law;

WHEREAS, after a careful and thorough review on the matter, taking into consideration the sentiments of the people, and the necessary compliance with the law, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan deemed it necessary to implore the Department of Public Works and Highways to hold in abeyance the ongoing construction of a seawall along the Lingayen Gulf covering the Municipalities of Lingayen and Binmaley;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Members Noel C. Bince and Vici M. Ventanilla, duly seconded, it was –


RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to implore, as it is hereby implored, the Department of Public Works and Highways to hold in abeyance the ongoing construction of the seawall along the Lingayen Gulf in the Municipalities of Lingayen and Binmaley, Province of Pangasinan, pending compliance with requirements of law;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Public Works and Highways, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)