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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the special session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on November 8, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 980-2023**

**SUPPORTING NATIONALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNISM ARMED CONFLICT (NTF-ELCAC) PROJECT IN BARANGAY MALICO, SAN NICOLAS, PANGASINAN**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 70 created the National Task Force to End Local Communism Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) which is under the direct supervision and control of the Office of the President purposely to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach;

**WHEREAS**, NTF-ELCAC is mandated to prioritize and harmonize the delivery of basic service and social development packages in conflict-affected areas and vulnerable communities, facilitate societal inclusivity and ensure active participation of all sectors of society in the pursuit of the peace agenda of the country;

**WHEREAS**, Barangay Development Program or BDP is one of the flagship programs of NTF-ELCAC which intends to bring sustainable development programs to conflict-prone and conflict-affected communities and addresses the needs and concerns of barangays identified as Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs);

**WHEREAS**, the BDP is a nationally-funded project of NTF-ELCAC since the year 2021 which the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has already issued a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO);

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the “opening with concreting of road” project at Barangay Malico, San Nicolas, Pangasinan is one of the programs of the NTF-ELCAC under the BDP in order to address the needs and concerns not only of Barangay Malico but also nearby localities of the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Pangasinan in terms of farm to market roads and convenience to traffic;

**WHEREAS**, no less than the NTF-ELCAC has expressed its support for the Municipality of San Nicolas to continue the implementation of the project despite the issues in provincial boundaries between the two provinces;



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**WHEREAS**, the Province of Pangasinan, through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, fully supports the contention that the boundary issue between the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Pangasinan will not in any manner cast uncertainty on the territorial jurisdiction of San Nicolas over the location of the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan strongly believes that the issue on boundary disputes between the two Provinces is not an obstacle in the implementation of the “opening with concreting of road” project and is not also an assertion of territorial jurisdiction, ownership or possession over the disputed area;

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the “opening with concreting of road” is conceptualized to be an access road and/or a farm to market road that will benefit Indigenous People of Kalanguyas in the transport of their produce;

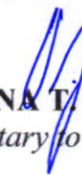
**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan interposes no objection to and indorses nationally-funded projects of NTF-ELCAC most especially the implementation of the “opening with concreting of road” project at Barangay Malico, San Nicolas, Pangasinan;

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, on motion of all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, duly seconded, it was –


**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to support, as it is hereby supported, nationally-funded projects including the National Task Force to End Local Communism Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Project in Barangay Malico, San Nicolas, Pangasinan;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to furnish copies of this resolution to Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan; Hon. Ernesto C. Torres, Jr., Undersecretary, Executive Director, National Secretariat, National Task Force to End Local Communism Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), Malacañang Park, Paco Manila; Hon. Amenah F. Pangandaman, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, San Miguel, Manila; Hon. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr., Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government, West Triangle, Quezon City; Hon. Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr., CESO III, DILG Regional Office, San Fernando City, La Union; Hon. Virgilio P. Sison, CESO V, Provincial Director, DILG Provincial Office, Lingayen, Pangasinan; and all concerned authorities, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

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

ATTESTED:

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