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## 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 31, 2025, at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Marinor B. de Guzman

### PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 453-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK AND THE PHILIPPINE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REGARDING THE PRESERVATION OF THE WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares under Sections 15 and 16 thereof that “Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.” and that “All the country’s artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition.”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the local government units to use their resources and assets for productive, developmental, or welfare purposes, to ensure their development into self-reliant communities and active participants in the attainment of national goals;

**WHEREAS**, with its rich past during World War II, the most well-known of which is the historic Lingayen Gulf Landings, the Province of Pangasinan wishes to preserve its history during this period, including stories that would honor the veterans and inspire Filipinos today;

**WHEREAS**, to pursue this goal, the Province of Pangasinan has embarked on the development of the Capitol Complex that would integrate an accurate and complete depiction of the various World War II historical events in the Province, including the lesser-known events;



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**WHEREAS**, having previously provided assistance to the Province in the creation of World War II Historical Displays, the Philippine Veterans Bank, as part of its social responsibility and mandate, shall continue to give its support in honoring its original shareholders, the Filipino World War II veterans and promote their deeds of bravery, sacrifice and love of country;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine World War II Memorial Foundation has likewise partnered with the Province by providing historical and technical expertise to the Province of Pangasinan to ensure that the historical displays specified in the Memorandum of Agreement are accurate and relevant;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Pangasinan fully recognizes the full support and the role of the Philippine Veterans Bank and the Philippine World War II Memorial Foundation as partners in the preservation of the Province's rich history;

**WHEREAS**, for the above purpose, a memorandum of agreement shall be entered into and signed between and among the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III; the Philippine Veterans Bank, represented by its Acting President, Eulogio V. Catabran III; and the Philippine World War II Memorial Foundation, represented by its Vice President, Desiree Cua-Benipayo;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Marinor B. De Guzman, 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 between and among the Province of Pangasinan, the Philippine Veterans Bank and the Philippine World War II Memorial Foundation regarding the preservation of the World War II historical events in the Province of Pangasinan;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, Acting President Eulogio V. Catabran III, Philippine Veterans Bank, and Vice President Desiree Cua-Benipayo, Philippine World War II Memorial Foundation, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

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

ATTESTED:

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