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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 Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino

#### PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 454-2025

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, HON. RAMON V. GUICO III, TO REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PANGASINAN'S SOCIAL WELFARE AND SERVICES PROJECTS FROM THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC)

WHEREAS, there will be an upcoming National and Local Elections, and BARMM Parliamentary Elections where the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is mandated by the 1987 Philippine Constitution to enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of an election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum, and recall;

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the (COMELEC) issued Resolution No. 11060 or the ""Rules and Regulations on Prohibition Against Release, Disbursement or Expenditure of Public Funds for Social Services and Housing-Related Projects, and Issuance of Treasury Warrants and Similar Devices Under Sections 261 (v) and (w) of the Omnibus Election Code in Connection with the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections";

WHEREAS, Rule II, Section 2 of the said resolution provides that the release of public funds for social welfare and services projects from March 28, 2025 (Friday) to May 11, 2025 (Sunday) is prohibited, except as authorized by COMELEC, and it specifically prohibits the disbursement and expenditures of social services of all LGUs during the forty-five (45) day election ban including the Province of Pangasinan, particularly the provision states;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan is currently implementing worthy programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of the Province especially on health reform and other social welfare assistance and it aims to have a continuity of these services rendered to the people amidst the upcoming local and national elections;





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**WHEREAS**, the Province of Pangasinan is implementing the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) - Cash Relief Program;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan would like to seek an exemption from the prohibition against the release, disbursement or expenditure of public funds in the implementation of the services under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS)-Cash Relief Program to ensure an uninterrupted provision of assistance to individuals in crisis situations;

WHEREAS, it is the primordial concern of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan to guarantee the uninterrupted provision of necessary services to every Pangasinense, especially the underprivileged;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on motion of Vice Governor Mark Ronald DG. Lambino, 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 request for a Certificate of Exemption for the Provincial Government of Pangasinan's social welfare and services projects from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC);

**RESOLVED, FINALLY,** that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, for his information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

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

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO

Vice Governor Presiding Officer)

