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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 January 22, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 120-2024

ENJOINING ALL SECTORS IN APPEALING TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. TO DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INCREASE OF PHILHEALTH CONTRIBUTION ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the National Health Insurance Program of the Philippines implemented by PhilHealth was adopted to provide citizens with mechanism to gain financial access to health services in combination with other government health programs;

WHEREAS, Universal Healthcare Act of the Philippines guarantees equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protection against financial risk, such that every Filipino citizen shall be automatically included in the National Health Insurance Program;

WHEREAS, in line with the objectives of the Universal Health Care Act, a gradual increase in PhilHealth premium rates was implemented by the PhilHealth fixing the rate starting 2024 to 5%;

WHEREAS, an appeal was made by the Health Secretary, Teodoro Herbosa, to suspend the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) premium hike after the rate increase from four percent (4%) to five percent (5%) this year;

WHEREAS, a number of lawmakers have backed Secretary Herbosa's proposal, including Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito as principal sponsor and one of the co-authors of the Universal Health Care Law, who has a pending bill on amendments to the Universal Health Care Law to adjust premium rates;

WHEREAS, Senator Risa Hontiveros and Senator Bong Go likewise echoed the deferment of the hike and pointing out the DOH Chief himself assured that the state health insurer has enough funds to continue its services to members;



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WHEREAS, the President has the power to suspend the scheduled increase in the members' contributions in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation;


WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members support the deferment of the implementation of the increase of PhilHealth contribution considering the persistent economic challenges faced by Filipinos including rising prices of commodities and aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario, duly seconded, it was-


RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to enjoin, as they are hereby enjoined, all sectors in appealing to His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., to defer the implementation of the increase of PhilHealth contribution all throughout the country;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., Malacañang Palace, Mr. Emmanuel R. Ledesma Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, and Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)