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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 May 6, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 496-2024

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA) TO FORGE A PARTNERSHIP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COCONUT FERTILIZATION PROJECT FOR CY 2024

WHEREAS, the Philippine Coconut Authority is the sole government agency that is tasked to develop the coconut industry to its full potential and to ensure that the outcomes of this development shall accrue to the coconut farmers;

WHEREAS, the PCA is presently implementing the Coconut Planting and Replanting Project which aims to revitalize the coconut industry by planting 100 million trees from 2023 to 2028, increase farmers' incomes and drive economic development within local government units;

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan supports the coconut planting program that would benefit the coconut farmers and the industry stakeholders in the province;

WHEREAS, one of the projects being implemented by the PCA is the Coconut Fertilization Project (CFP) which intends to enhance the coconut productivity involving the rehabilitation of low-bearing palms through the application of Agricultural Grade Salt Fertilizers (AGSF);

WHEREAS, Section 23 of Republic Act No. 11985, or the Philippine Salt Industry Development Act, provides for the mandatory use "...of domestically produced salt in its programs, including the fertilization of coconut farms by the PCA";

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, thru the Provincial Agriculturist Office (PAgO), owns and manages a 130-hectare salt farm in Bolinao, Pangasinan with an available supply of approximately 3,000 metric tons of salt, and has the capacity to supply the required quantity of locally-produced Agricultural Grade Salt Fertilizer for the Coconut Fertilization Program of the PCA;



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WHEREAS, a partnership between the Philippine Coconut Authority and the Provincial Government of Pangasinan would help achieve the goal to help the coconut industry for the benefit of both small coconut and salt farmers;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan fully recognizes the importance of this partnership to ensure the successful implementation of the said program and to achieve the desired outcomes;


WHEREAS, for the above purpose, a Memorandum of Understanding shall be entered into and signed by and between the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III and the Philippine Coconut Authority, represented by its Administrator and CEO, Dr. Dexter R. Buted;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison, it was –

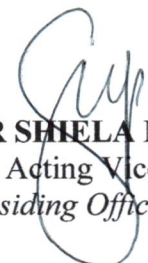
RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to authorize, as he is hereby authorized, the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to forge a partnership in the implementation of the Coconut Fertilization Project for CY 2024;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan; and the Philippine Coconut Authority Administrator and CEO, Dr. Dexter R. Buted, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


SP MEMBER SHEILA MARIE F. BANIQUED
Acting Vice Governor
(*Presiding Officer Pro Tempore*)