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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 July 8, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Members Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison and Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 649-2024

URGING THE DIFFERENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE ANTI-RABIES ACT AND ANIMAL WELFARE ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to provide effective mechanisms or measures to promote the health and well-being of its citizens, including all animals in the country;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 declares that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people, and towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership established;

WHEREAS, Section 7 thereof also enumerates the responsibilities of the local government units in their respective localities in the joint implementation of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program;

WHEREAS, animal bites and rabies infections continue to pose serious public health problems in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan is alarmed over the rising incidences of rabies cases in the Province and there is a great need to address this problem by asking the support of every local government unit to fully implement their anti-rabies campaign;





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WHEREAS, further, Republic Act No. 8485 or An Act to Promote Animal Welfare in the Philippines, otherwise known as "The Animal Welfare Act Of 1998", as amended by Republic Act No. 10631, aims to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals either as objects of trade or as household pets, and for purposes of this Act, pet animal shall include birds;

WHEREAS, while the Province of Pangasinan is committed to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, it is important also to ensure that responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals be practiced by the people;

WHEREAS, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to provide for the impounding of stray animals, regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same, and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

WHEREAS, every local government unit shall exercise its power to promote and safeguard the welfare and well-being not only of its people but also of animals in the Province by supporting and enforcing laws like Republic Act No. 9482 and Republic Act No. 8485, as amended by Republic Act No. 10631;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Members Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison and Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa, duly seconded, it was –

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to urge, as they are hereby urged, the different local government units in the Province of Pangasinan to strictly implement the Anti-Rabies Act and Animal Welfare Act in their respective jurisdictions;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all local government units of the Province of Pangasinan, for their information and appropriate action.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA TANAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO

Vige Governor Presiding Officer)

