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

Authored by SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario and  
co-authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

### PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 671-2024

**REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO INSTRUCT THE PANGASINAN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO HASTEN THE COMPLIANCE OF ALL PROVINCE-RUN HOSPITALS TO BECOME ANIMAL BITE CENTERS AND ENSURE THAT THEIR FACILITIES AND SERVICES WILL BE ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE PHILHEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, as Section 16 of R.A. 9170 declares that “within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety”, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is vested with the power to enact measures in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, recent records have shown an alarming increase in the incidence of rabies in the Province of Pangasinan and that the number of animal bite victims have steadily been increasing in the past years;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Department of Health (DOH) classify the extent of injuries and management as follows:

- **Category 1 exposure** (touching or feeding animals, licks on intact skin), no prophylaxis is required;
- **Category II** (nibbling of uncovered skin, minor scratches or abrasions without bleeding), immediate vaccination; and
- **Category III** (single or multiple transdermal bites or scratches, contamination of mucous membrane with saliva from licks, licks on broken skin, exposures to bats), immediate vaccination and administration of rabies immunoglobulin are recommended.



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**WHEREAS**, with increasing awareness of the 100% mortality rate of this disease, our residents have become more conscious of the need for vaccination for cases of animal regardless of the category level of their wounds;

**WHEREAS**, the province-run health facilities play a pivotal role in the delivery of health service to the people of the Pangasinan and with their strategic locations, these facilities are oftentimes the most accessible to our residents and thus are crucial in the emergency evaluation, treatment of various medical conditions and in the timely administration of vaccines, including those for potential rabies cases;

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the knowledge of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that not all province-run healthcare facilities are accredited Animal Bite Centers and thus are not delivering these services and are not able to enjoy PHILHEALTH coverage for animal bite cases;

**WHEREAS**, financing our people's need for anti-rabies vaccines remains a challenge to the Province of Pangasinan and as PHILHEALTH is a vital partner in financing our healthcare, all of our province-run health facilities must be compliant with the requirements of PHILHEALTH and DOH so that treatment and vaccination for rabies can be delivered and expenses be reimbursed efficiently;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario and co-authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, duly seconded, it was –

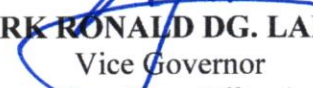
**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to request, as he is hereby requested, the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to instruct the Pangasinan Hospital Management System to hasten the compliance of all province-run healthcare facilities to become accredited Animal Bite Centers and ensure that their services and facilities are accredited by the DOH and the PHILHEALTH;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Provincial Hospital Management Services Office and the Provincial Health Office, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

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

ATTESTED:

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