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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 August 19, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 787-2024

URGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO FULLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11313, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SAFE SPACES ACT OR ANTI-BASTOS LAW

WHEREAS, the Provincial Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (PIACAT-VAWC) passed Resolution No. 3-2024, a resolution requesting for the enactment of a Provincial Ordinance encouraging the Local Government Units (LGUs) to fully implement Republic Act No. 11313, otherwise known as the Safe Spaces Act or Anti-Bastos Law;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11313, also known as the "Safe Spaces Act," was enacted into law on April 17, 2019, with the primary aim of protecting individuals from gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces, online spaces, workplaces, and educational and training institutions;

WHEREAS, despite the enactment of the law, numerous reports and gender-based sexual harassment incidents still surface in the province of Pangasinan, indicating a gap in the law's implementation and the need for a more comprehensive and concerted effort of all Local Government Units across the province;

WHEREAS, local government units play crucial roles in addressing concerns faced by its constituents, and fostering safe environments for all individuals to be free from any form of gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces, educational or training institutions, workplaces, and online spaces.

WHEREAS, the full implementation of the Safe Spaces Act requires collaboration and active participation of the local government units to ensure the safe spaces for all individuals regardless of gender, sexual preference, and sexual orientation;





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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is committed to cultivating strong and collaborative relationships with all local government units within the province's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, or otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to exercise local autonomy and to ensure the general welfare of the people particularly in the promotion of their health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa, duly seconded, it was –

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to urge, as they are hereby urged, all local government units of the Province of Pangasinan to fully implement the Republic Act No. 11313, otherwise known as the Safe Spaces Act or Anti-Bastos Law in their respective localities;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all Local Government Units in the Province of Pangasinan, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK KOMALD DG. LAMBINO

Vice Governor

Presiding Officer

