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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 October 21, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Shiela Marie F. Baniqued

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 963-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH UNILAB FOUNDATION INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNILAB FOUNDATION “PROJECT KAAKBAY”**

**WHEREAS**, Unilab Foundation Inc. is a non-stock, non-profit organization engaged in the implementation of social development projects with a purpose to create an enabling environment for inclusive development through social innovations and impactful programs;

**WHEREAS**, Unilab Foundation Inc. aims to improve the mental health and well-being of young Filipinos, nurture integrated STEM learners and innovators, and connect these to workforce development; improve the active participation of the youth in promoting good health and well-being of Filipinos; and improve health service delivery through a multi-stakeholder review of current policies supporting the implementation of Universal Health Care;

**WHEREAS**, Unilab Foundation Inc. has an ongoing program called “Project Kaakbay” with an objective to improve the active participation of target youth in the promotion of health and well-being in the communities;

**WHEREAS**, the “Project Kaakbay” is a community-based and school-based youth led movement that empowers the youth with practical skills in health, life skills, leadership, problem solving and future-thinking in order to become community health volunteers;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Pangasinan, through the Provincial Health Office, shall collaborate with Unilab Foundation Inc. in order to strengthen the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act in Pangasinan through the following areas of “Project Kaakbay”, to wit:



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- a. Co-design and co-implement activities that will engage and build the capacity of the youth, to advocate for health, develop and implement health programs, and drive health reforms in the Province of Pangasinan, particularly in San Carlos City, Lingayen, Bayambang, Alaminos City and Urdaneta City;
- b. Outline the different roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in delivering the key outputs of “Project Kaakbay”, which include the establishment of the project and recognition of its volunteers in the partnered cities and municipalities (San Carlos City, Lingayen, Bayambang, Alaminos City and Urdaneta City); *and*
- c. Facilitate the operational support and mobilization of “Project Kaakbay” youth volunteers to develop scalable and replicable model projects, with the aim of sharing them with institutions, government agencies and key stakeholders to influence health policy reform in Pangasinan.

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan expresses its support to this Program as it will empower the young people of Pangasinan as volunteers in the promotion of community-based health projects and activities in order to strengthen the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act;

**WHEREAS**, the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding is necessary for the Province of Pangasinan and the Unilab Foundation Inc. in order to identify the specific responsibilities of both parties in the implementation of the program;

**WHEREAS**, local government units are empowered under Section 22 (a) (5) (c) and Section 465 (vi) of RA 7160 to enter into contracts, but such power may be exercised with prior authorization emanating from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through a resolution/ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, for the above purpose, a Memorandum of Understanding shall be entered into and signed between and by the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Honorable Governor, Ramon V. Guico III; and the Unilab Foundation Inc., represented by Mr. Jose Maria A. Ochave, Executive Director;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Shiela Marie F. Baniqued, duly seconded, 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 Unilab Foundation Inc. for the implementation of Unilab Foundation “Project Kaakbay”;



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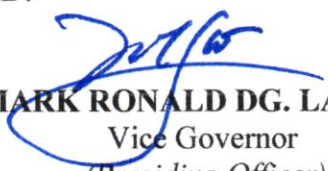
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**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, and Mr. Jose Maria A. Ochave, Executive Director, Unilab Foundation Inc., for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:

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

ATTESTED:

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