

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 December 16, 2024, at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Members Vici M. Ventanilla and Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1153-2024

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE UNILAB FOUNDATION, INC. TO FORMALIZE THE COLLABORATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT KAAKBAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Unilab Foundation, Inc. is a non-stock, non-profit organization engaged in the implementation of social development projects with the objective of creating an enabling environment for inclusive development through social innovations and impactful programs that will the mental health and well-being of the young Filipinos, improve their active participation in promoting good health and well-being of Filipinos and improve health service delivery in support of the Universal Health Care;

WHEREAS, Unilab Foundation, Inc. has an ongoing program called "Project Kaakbay", 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, to help them become active community health volunteers;

WHEREAS, Project Kaakbay is aligned and supportive of Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and Section 1 of Presidential Decree 603 of the Child and Welfare Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under the mandate of Republic Act No. 10121, or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office of the Province of Pangasinan is tasked to adopt a proactive strategy for disaster management and risk reduction, in coordination with LGUs, national agencies, private sector entities and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, in line with the said mandate, the PDRRMO has an ongoing risk assessment and preparedness project called Project P.A.R.A.A.N. which engages the youth in data collection efforts on demographics, infrastructure, social services, and economic activities in targeted barangays, while also involving local authorities, community leaders and residents in data validation;





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WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan and the Unilab Foundation, Inc. share an interest in advancing healthier communities, specifically by tapping youth participation in the implementation of disaster preparedness and response programs, projects and activities in Pangasinan in line with the Philippine Disaster Reduction and Management Act of 2010;

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to work together and collaboratively pool its resources through Project Kaakbay, to strengthen the participation of the youth in supporting the implementation of relevant projects in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, under the Project Kaakbay, youth volunteers shall be trained and equipped to assist in evacuation procedures during disasters, in accordance with the provisions of RA 10121, which mandates the inclusion of youth in disaster preparedness and response efforts;

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan fully recognizes the importance of this collaboration with Unilab Foundation, Inc. in order to strengthen the implementation of the Project P.A.R.A.A.N. in Pangasinan through mobilizing the youth volunteers of Project Kaakbay;

WHEREAS, for the above purpose, a Memorandum of Understanding shall be executed and entered into by and between the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, and the Unilab Foundation, Inc. to formalize the collaboration in the implementation of Project Kaakbay in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Members Vici M. Ventanilla and 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 execute and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Unilab Foundation, Inc. to formalize the collaboration in the implementation of Project Kaakbay in the Province of Pangasinan;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Honorable 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 VERNAT. NAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian



