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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 January 17, 2022 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza and co-authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawign

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST  
CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE  
LATE FRANCISCO SIONIL JOSE, ONE OF THE  
RENOWNED NATIONAL ARTISTS OF THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, one of the illustrious sons of the Province of Pangasinan, Francisco Sionil Jose, peacefully joined his Creator at the age of 97 last January 6, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, during his lifetime, the late Francisco Sionil Jose, also known as F. Sionil Jose, had epitomized the story of a Pangasinense's excellence in the field of literature;

**WHEREAS**, the late Francisco Sionil Jose was a multi-awarded writer and among his outstanding works were *The God Stealer* in 1959, *Waywaya* in 1979, *Arbol de Fuego* (Firetree) in 1980, his novel *Mass* in 1981, and his essay *A Scenario for Philippine Resistance* in 1979 but the most popular of which is the Rosales Saga which comprised of five novels, namely: *Po-on*; *The Pretenders*; *My Brother*, *My Executioner*; *Mass*; and *Tree*;

**WHEREAS**, the late Francisco Sionil Jose had received recognition from several award-giving bodies like the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, Cultural Center of the Philippines' Centennial Awards, France's Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres, and Pablo Neruda Centennial Award;

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the national government bestowed upon him the prestigious title of National Artist for Literature for his exceptional contributions to Philippine literature;



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**WHEREAS**, the Province of Pangasinan in recognition of his remarkable contributions in Philippine Literature had accorded him the ASNA Balitok Award in the 430<sup>th</sup> Agew na Pangasinan on April 5, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the unparalleled and invaluable accomplishments of the late Francisco Sionil Jose as literary icon had earned him the respect and pride of every Pangasinense and Filipino;

**WHEREAS**, the late Francisco Sionil Jose had undoubtedly lived a complete and fruitful life and died a fulfilled man;

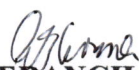
**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan mourns his passing away and joins the entire officialdom of the Province of Pangasinan in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul, thankful always for his outstanding contributions to the Province of Pangasinan and to the entire country;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza and co-authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, duly seconded, it was –

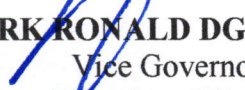
**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan in session assembled to express, as it is hereby expressed, deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of the late Francisco Sionil Jose, one of the renowned national artists of the country;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Francisco Sionil Jose through his loving wife, Mrs. Tessie J. Jose, at their residence in Rosales, Pangasinan, for their information.

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**ESPERANCILLA B. ROMA**  
*Assistant Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

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