

## 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 November 9, 2015 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by Vice Governor Jose Ferdinand Z. Calimlim, Jr.

## **PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 195-2015**

## AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND CELEBRATING LAST WEEK OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS THE PROVINCIAL BIBLE WEEK

WHEREAS, the Philippines being identified as the only Christian country in Asia should give utmost importance to the foundation of Christian faith, which is the Holy Bible, recognizing its importance as a primer to our social, moral and spiritual existence;

WHEREAS, the Holy Bible is the most powerful Book that contains timeless principles, the Bible's messages, when heeded and obeyed, can transform lives for the betterment of our beloved Province;

WHEREAS, multi-sectoral groups – all religious organizations, government as well as non-government organizations, medical and health institutions, business establishments, the academe and the media that believe and recognize the importance of God's Word in the life of the nation, will observe and celebrate National Bible Week and National Bible Sunday;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan acknowledges the significance of God's Word in national transformation and unity, thus, supporting the event even through local development funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Vice Governor Jose Ferdinand Z. Calimlim, Jr., duly seconded, it was-

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled that:



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**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND CELEBRATING LAST WEEK OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS THE PROVINCIAL BIBLE WEEK".

**SECTION 2. OBSERVANCE OF THE PROVINCIAL BIBLE WEEK** – The Provincial Government of Pangasinan in coordination with all Bible-believing organizations and churches shall conduct an annual activity in celebration and participation of a week-long affair of the Provincial Bible Week.

**SECTION 3.** <u>EFFECTIVITY.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

VERD AVA-PEREZ Secretary/to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

SP MEMBER/APOLEON C. FONTELERA, JR. /Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

**APPROVED:** 

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