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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 July 12, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario
and co-authored by all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 620-2021

APPEALING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE THE LIFTING OF THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY TERMINAL (NLET) MANDATORY USAGE AND CONSIDER ALLOWING LOCAL BUS TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES TO ENTER METRO MANILA AND USE THEIR TERMINALS SUBJECT TO STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, during a Question Hour held on its July 12, 2021 Regular (Physical) Session, has invited the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Regional Office and bus companies to update the body on the status of the request of the Provincial Government for the resumption of provincial buses operation in Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Question Hour was conducted to find solutions, in aid of legislation, on a lot of appeals for the purpose of easing up and allowing again trips to the usual destinations in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has found out that in spite of the permission granted by the LTFRB allowing additional routes for the operation of provincial buses entering Metro Manila during the period of General Community Quarantine and Modified General Community Quarantine and Modified, the bus companies have not resumed their operations because they are constrained to execute an undertaking in pursuance to the provision of Memorandum Circular No. 2021-009 which requires the usage of an integrated terminal exchange as the central hub for transportation;



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WHEREAS, representatives of the provincial bus companies have expressed their pleas and appealed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to help them ease with their plight on that requirement of the undertaking by using the North Luzon Expressway Terminal (NLET) which is located in Bocaoc, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan fully supports that predicament that to make use of the NLET would actually be more inconvenient and expensive not only on the part of the bus companies but more so on the riding public;

WHEREAS, it is the only aim of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that the land transportation be opened up and allow local bus companies ply their routes through the use of their own terminals in Metro Manila subject however to compliance with all the health and safety protocols set by the national and local inter-agency task forces and other concerned agencies;

WHEREAS, many stakeholders have joined the plea of bus companies and requested to consider the easing up of some regulations for the resumption of provincial buses operation in Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, it is high time to unleash the burden of the provincial bus companies and the riding public on the economic effects brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Jeremy Agerico B. Rosario 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 appeal, as it is hereby appealed, to the National Government through the National Inter-Agency Task Force the lifting of the North Luzon Expressway Terminal (NLET) mandatory usage and consider allowing local bus transportation companies to enter Metro Manila and use their terminals subject to strict compliance with health and safety protocols and regulations;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the National Inter-Agency Task Force, for its information and appropriate action.

CERTIFIED BY:

VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)