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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 December 4, 2017 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Raul P. Sison

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 704-2017

INVITING DR. MYRNA C. CABOTAJE, OIC-ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, REGION I; DR. EUGENIO NAVARRO DE LEON, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR, AND MRS. FERIEL SIAPNO ESPIRITU, ADMINISTRATOR, BOTH OF THE MEDICAL CENTRUM DAGUPAN HOSPITAL; DR. HILARION H. MARAMBA, PRESIDENT, PANGASINAN MEDICAL SOCIETY; DR. ANA MA. TERESA S. DE GUZMAN, PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER; AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE FORMER BRGY. KGD. ROLANDO SEBASTIAN MARCELO TO A QUESTION HOUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2017 ON THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING VALID PROMISSORY NOTES OR COLLATERALS FOR UNPAID MEDICAL OR HOSPITAL FEES IN VIEW OF THE DEATH OR URGENT DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS ESPECIALLY OF PANGASINENSES, IN AID OF LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Section 20 of the Internal Rules of Procedure of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan specifically provides that a "Question Hour is the period of time allotted for members of the Sanggunian to ask questions from invited resource persons coming from both the government and private sectors, usually heads of offices, technical men and prominent individuals primarily intended to seek information from the latter on certain matters that are of public interest";



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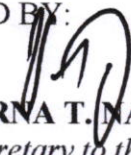
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RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to invite, as they are hereby invited, Dr. Myrna C. Cabotaje, OIC-Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health, Region I; Dr. Eugenio Navarro De Leon, President/Director, and Mrs. Ferial Siapno Espiritu, Administrator, both of the Medical Centrum Dagupan Hospital; Dr. Hilarion H. Maramba, President, Pangasinan Medical Society; Dr. Ana Ma. Teresa S. De Guzman, Provincial Health Officer; and the bereaved family of the late former Brgy. Kgd. Rolando Sebastian Marcelo to a Question Hour on December 11, 2017 on the matter of accepting valid promissory notes or collaterals for unpaid medical or hospital fees in view of the death or urgent discharge of patients especially of Pangasinenses, in aid of legislation;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Dr. Myrna C. Cabotaje, OIC-Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health, Region I; Dr. Eugenio Navarro De Leon, President/Director, and Mrs. Ferial Siapno Espiritu, Administrator, both of the Medical Centrum Dagupan Hospital; Dr. Hilarion H. Maramba, President, Pangasinan Medical Society; Dr. Ana Ma. Teresa S. De Guzman, Provincial Health Officer; and the bereaved family of the late former Brgy. Kgd. Rolando Sebastian Marcelo, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


JOSE FERDINAND T. CALIMLIM, JR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)



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WHEREAS, during the Privilege Hour on December 4, 2017 Regular Session, SP Member Raul P. Sison has recounted the circumstances surrounding the death of Barangay Kagawad Rolando Sebastian Marcelo of Barangay Angatel, Urbiztondo, Pangasinan, who was hospitalized at the Medical Centrum Dagupan Hospital and suffered a stroke due to hypertension;

WHEREAS, the author has narrated that the hospital bill of the deceased patient has reached P143,253.00 and his family, through the daughter, had pleaded that they execute a promissory note and pay the balance after interment, as they had only P25,000.00 cash on hand;

WHEREAS, the author has claimed that the hospital would not release the cadaver without payment or acceptable security/collateral such as land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title or a 4-wheeler vehicle covered by a Certificate of Registration;

WHEREAS, after a lengthy negotiation, the hospital softened up and released the remains at about 8:00 p.m., 18 ½ hours after his demise;

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the General Policies of Administrative Order No. 2008-001 (Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated on January 7, 2008) provide that in the case of a deceased patient, any of his/her surviving relatives who refuse to execute a promissory note shall be allowed to claim the cadaver and can demand the issuance of death certificate and other pertinent documents for interment purposes. Documents for other purposes shall be released only after execution of a promissory note; and any hospital or medical clinic detaining or causing, directly or indirectly, the detention of patient for reason of non-payment, in part or in full, of hospital bills or medical expenses/hospitalization expenses shall be held accountable for such unlawful act, respectively;

WHEREAS, the case of the deceased patient, former Barangay Kagawad Rolando Sebastian Marcelo, merits an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to enlighten all concerned, and prevent a repetition of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Raul P. Sison, duly seconded, it was –