

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 August 23, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 724-2021

INVITING THE PROVINCIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS TO A QUESTION HOUR OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN DURING ITS SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 REGULAR (PHYSICAL) SESSION TO UPDATE AND APPRISE THE BODY ON THE STATUS OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE AND THE MANUAL OF PROTOCOLS/OPERATIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN HANDLING COVID-19 INFECTIONS WITHIN THE HOSPITALS

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has already confirmed community transmission of COVID-19 Delta variant to be taking place in some areas of the country;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan expresses grave concern over the matter considering that COVID-19 Delta variant is highly contagious;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is requesting an update on the status of COVID-19 cases in the Province of Pangasinan and the interventions being undertaken to mitigate the further increase of infections;

WHEREAS, in a previous resolution of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, taking into account what happened in Lingayen District Hospital whereby 15 of its staffmembers contracted COVID-19 infection, the Provincial Health Office was directed to come up with a manual of protocols that will serve as a guide to the provincial health personnel, especially when there are cases of viral transmission;

WHEREAS, the provincial government hospitals are rendering service to hundreds of patients every day and the health personnel are at high risk of exposure especially those handling COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan only aims to lessen the morbidity rate for health frontliners especially that the risk of COVID-19 Delta variant is very high;

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> **WHEREAS,** subject to the existing protocols from the World Health Organization and Department of Health, it is also important to create a manual of protocols or operations for guidance of the provincial government hospitals to address the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with regard to handling of employees;

> **WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan would like to hear directly from the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force and the Chiefs of Hospitals the situation of the COVID-19 cases in the Province and the ongoing measures and approaches being undertaken to fight the disease;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in collaboration with the Executive Branch particularly the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force and the Chiefs of Hospitals, will continue to look for ways and means to enact and pass legislative measures to combat COVID-19 particularly the new variant;

WHEREAS, the invitation is part of a series of Questions Hours being conducted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in order to gather needed information to ensure effective legislation by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza, duly seconded, it was –

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan in session assembled to invite, as it is hereby invited, the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force and the Provincial Government Chiefs of Hospitals to a Question Hour of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during its September 6, 2021 Regular (Physical) Session to update and apprise the Body on the status of COVID-19 cases in the Province and the manual of protocols/operations being implemented in handling COVID-19 infections within the hospitals;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Dr. Anna Ma. Teresa S. de Guzman, Provincial Health Officer; Col. Rhodyn Luchinvar O. Oro, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer; and Police Colonel Ronald V. Gayo, Provincial Director, Pangasinan Police Provincial Office, and all the Chiefs of Hospitals of the Province of Pangasinan, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)



