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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan
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Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 th District) & Presiding Officer Protempore
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EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 st District)
ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2 nd District)
EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO	Member (2 nd District)
MARY GRACE D. ARREOLA	Member (3 rd District)
RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.	Member (3 rd District)
VICTOR G. DY	Member (4 th District)
MANUEL FAUSTINO U. DY	Member (5 th District)
AMADOR A. GAFFUD, JR.	Member (6 th District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
LOURDES S. PANGANIBAN	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
MARGARETTE U. CHIN	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative
EVYN JAY C. DIAZ	Member, Labor Sector Representative

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 th District)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37-22

Series of 2022

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CAUTIONING THE ISABELEÑOS TO REFRAIN OR CEASE FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL CAUSE THE TRANSFER OR DISPOSITION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES OVER LANDS WITHIN ANCESTRAL DOMAINS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

Sponsor: HON. MARGARETTE U. CHIN

Chairperson, Committee on Indigenous People
and Indigenous Cultural Communities

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect the rights of the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) to their ancestral domains and to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions;

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WHEREAS, in line with this State policy, the National Government enacted Republic Act No. 8371, or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997, which established the rights of IPs and ICCs and the responsibilities of the government in the safeguarding and promotion of IP and ICC rights;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela observes an ironclad commitment to advance the welfare, defend the rights, and preserve the cultures, traditions, and institutions of its IPs and ICCs;

WHEREAS, alarmed by occurrences in which portions of ancestral domains are being sold, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) issued National Advisory No. NA-2020-08-011, Series of 2020 which notified the public *“to stop, prohibit, and report any transaction, dealing, negotiating of selling and transfer of lands within the ancestral domains”*;

WHEREAS, there are several areas in the Province of Isabela which are declared or recognized as ancestral domains, or are under government validation for declaration or recognition as an ancestral domain;

WHEREAS, Isabeleños are hereby informed and warned of the legal prohibition on the sale and disposition of ancestral domains as clearly established in Section 5 of Republic Act No. 8371, or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997, which states:

“SECTION 5. Indigenous Concept of Ownership. — Indigenous concept of ownership sustains the view that ancestral domains and all resources found therein shall serve as the material bases of their cultural integrity. The indigenous concept of ownership generally holds that **ancestral domains are the ICC’s/IP’s private but community property which belongs to all generations and therefore cannot be sold, disposed or destroyed. It likewise covers sustainable traditional resource rights.”**

WHEREAS, non-IP and non-ICC Isabeleños and those not belonging to the IPs or ICCs over the areas enumerated in the previous clause are hereby further informed and warned to refrain or cease from buying or selling, or undertaking transactions, deals, or negotiations for purposes of buying or selling or causing the conveyance of ownership or possessory rights over the said lands as such is unlawful;

WHEREAS, local officials are advised to refrain from involving themselves in the dealing of ancestral domains or causing the illegal intrusion into such lands, including the signing of any document of transfer of sale or sale as a witness thereto and the recognition of ownership over said lands, as this may result in the institution of legal actions against them and create erroneous perceptions of legality, or false hopes of regularity to the willing and unknowing buyer;

WHEREFORE, upon motion of the Honorable Margarett U. Chin, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

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RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CAUTIONING THE ISABELEÑOS TO REFRAIN OR CEASE FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL CAUSE THE TRANSFER OR DISPOSITION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES OVER LANDS WITHIN ANCESTRAL DOMAINS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA


RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, the Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III; the NCIP Isabela Provincial Office; all Mayors, Vice Mayors, and IP/ICC Sectoral Representatives to the Sanggunian in the Province of Isabela, and; the Provincial Assessor, Mr. Guillermo B. Barretto, for their information and guidance.

Approved and Adopted, September 27, 2022.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED/ APPROVED:


MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS
Member, (6th) District