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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 67<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON DECEMBER 12, 2023.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice-Governor & Presiding Officer
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ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural Workers Sector Representative
LOURDES S. PANGANIBAN	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
MARGARETTE U. CHIN	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative
EVYNN JAY C. DIAZ	Member, Labor Sector Representative

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44-08**

Series of 2023

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE AND STREAMLINED APPROACH IN THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NBI CLEARANCES TO FOREIGN NATIONALS**

**Sponsor: HON. MARGARETTE U. CHIN**

Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) accords with the National Government's commitment to fostering cultural diversity and international cooperation, aiming to create an inclusive environment for foreign nationals contributing to the social and economic framework of our nation;

**WHEREAS**, in support of this commitment, policies and laws, such as the Republic Act 9485, as amended by Republic Act 11032 otherwise known as "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act", were enacted to efficiently extend and facilitate the initiatives and services of the Government;

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**WHEREAS**, NBI plays a vital role in maintaining public safety and security by conducting thorough background checks, and by formulating policies and approaches that adapt with the evolving dynamics of globalization, however, such processes must be aligned with the policies and initiatives of the National Government, as provided under Republic Act 11032 section 9, paragraph (b): *“All applications or requests submitted shall be acted upon by the assigned officer or employee within the prescribed processing time stated in the Citizen’s Charter which shall not be longer than three (3) working days in the case of simple transactions and seven (7) working days in the case of complex transactions from the date the request and/or complete application or request was received. For applications or requests involving activities which pose danger to public health, public safety, public morals, public policy, and highly technical application, the prescribed processing time shall in no case be longer than twenty (20) working days or as determined by the government agency or instrumentality concerned, whichever is shorter.”*

**WHEREAS**, acknowledging that the issuance of NBI clearances to foreign nationals may extend beyond the maximum period provided under Republic Act 11032, the PGI encourages the NBI to advocate a flexible and streamlined approach in the processing and issuance of NBI clearances to foreign nationals;

**WHEREAS**, the diverse reasons for foreign nationals seeking NBI clearances, including employment, residency, and educational pursuits, underscores the necessity for a clearance process that is responsive to national safety and security, while being considerate to the varied circumstances of foreign nationals;

**WHEREAS**, cognizant of the potential challenges faced by foreign nationals during the NBI clearance application process, such as language barriers, unfamiliarity with local procedures, and differing document requirements, a flexible and streamlined process for the issuance of NBI clearances for foreign nationals will certainly align with the National Government’s pursuit of fostering positive diplomatic relations and enhancing the country’s reputation as a welcoming and accommodating destination for individuals internationally;

**NOW THEREFORE**, premises considered, upon motion of the Honorable Margarete U. Chin, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE AND STREAMLINED APPROACH IN THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NBI CLEARANCES TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.**

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the NBI-Isabela Provincial Director, Director Christopher B. Mesa, for his information.

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**Approved and Adopted, December 12, 2023.**

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

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

**ATTESTED/ APPROVED,**

  
**FAUSTINO G. DY III**  
Vice Governor