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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 10th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.

PRESENT:

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| FAUSTINO G. DY III | Provincial Vice Governor |
| DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO | Member (1 st District) & Presiding Officer Protempore |
| EDWARD S. ISIDRO | Member (5 th District) & Floor Leader Protempore |
| EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO | Member (2 nd District) |
| RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR. | Member (3 rd District) |
| RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA | Member (3 rd District) |
| CLIFFORD R. RASPADO | Member (4 th District) |
| ALFREDO V. ALILI | Member (6 th District) |
| MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS | Member (6 th District) |
| VENUS T. BAUTISTA | Member, Women's Sectoral Representative |
| 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 |
| GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ | Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative |

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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| EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES | Member (1 st District) |
| ED CHRISTIAN S. GO | Member (2 nd District) |
| ABEGAIL V. SABLE | Member (4 th District) |
| FAUSTINO U. DY IV | Member (5 th District) |

RESOLUTION NO. 400
SERIES OF 2019

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROVINCIAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ADDRESS THE LARGE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE GATE PRICE, AND THE RETAIL AND END USER PRICES OF RICE

Sponsor: HON. EDWARD S. ISIDRO
Member, Committee on Commerce, Trade, and Industry

WHEREAS, the National Government enacted the Rice Tarrification Law to address the rapidly increasing prices of basic goods and commodities experienced in 2018, especially rice which is the staple food of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Rice Tarrification Law removed the long-standing Quantitative Restriction (QR) on rice imports which was imposed to protect the local rice market from the surge of cheap imported rice;

WHEREAS, the removal of the QR permitted the entry of massive amounts of cheap imported rice resulting in an abundance in the supply of rice in the market. This

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abundance was envisioned to create a buyer's surplus which will lower the retail and end user (carinderia, eatery, diner, restaurants, fast food chains, etc.) prices of rice;

WHEREAS, August 2019 data from the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that well-milled rice retails at Php42.71/kilo while regular-milled rice retails at Php38.38/kilo. Compared to last year's statistics, or before the passage of the Rice Tarrification Law, well-milled rice was priced at Php46.06/kilo while regular-milled rice was priced at Php42.58/kilo.

WHEREAS, although the retail prices of rice are slowly decreasing, it is still a far cry from the Php27.00/kilo projections of the National Economic Development Authority based on the abundance in the rice supply as a result of the liberalization of rice imports;

WHEREAS, end user prices of rice also remain unchanged in which a cup of rice (or 195-200 grams, or 175-180 grams if uncooked) still costs P10.00 in a usual carinderia or eatery, and P25.00 in diners and fast food chains;

WHEREAS, the disparity between:(a) the gate price of palay which is currently at Php17.00/kilo;(b) the current retail prices of rice; and (c)the unchanged end user prices of rice is an alarming indication of the existence of unjust pricing schemes within the rice market;

WHEREAS, there exists an immediate need to conduct inquiries and evaluations on the current situation of the Isabela rice market and to determine the reason for the vast price disparities;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela, through the Provincial Governor, Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III, issued Executive Order No. 29-2019 titled "**RE-ACTIVATING AND RECONSTITUTING THE PROVINCIAL PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**", one of the objectives of which is to "ensure the availability of basic necessities and prime commodities at reasonable prices at all times" and "ensure that there will be no overpricing";

WHEREAS, in line with their objectives, it is imperative that the Provincial Price Coordinating Council be directed to monitor and conduct inquiries to determine the reason for the large disparities between the gate price, retail price, and end user price of rice, and to submit a Report to this Body so that it can formulate legislations and employ appropriate measures to address the issue at hand;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Edward S. Isidro, duly seconded and unanimously approved by the members of this Body, it was –

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RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish the Provincial Governor, **Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III**, and each members of the Provincial Price Coordinating Council a copy of this Resolution for their guidance and further action.

Approved and Adopted. September 23, 2019.

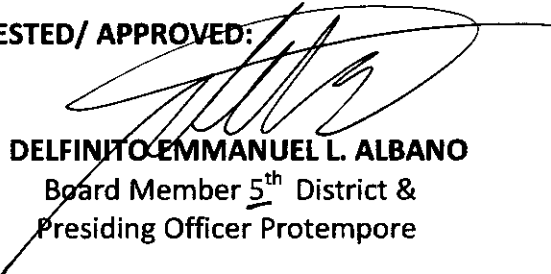
**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**



ATTY. RAMSE A. TUMAMAO

Secretary Protempore, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED/ APPROVED:



DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO

Board Member 5th District &
Presiding Officer Protempore