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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 13th SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON DECEMBER 09, 2020.

PRESENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45-1 SERIES OF 2020

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Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation
Chairperson, Committee on Public Security and Order

Co-Sponsor: HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO
Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote and safeguard the health and safety of its people;

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela



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WHEREAS, Local Government Units (LGUs) are duly mandated by law to pursue, further, and implement this Constitutionally-established policy of the State. Accordingly, it is empowered to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental which are essential to the promotion of the health, safety, and general welfare of their people;

WHEREAS, the country is experiencing an unprecedented public health crisis due to the spread and pervasiveness of the 2019 Corona Virus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, it is well-established in the medical and scientific field that COVID-19 is deadly and easily transmissible. Resultantly, countries, including the Philippines, imposed varying forms of quarantines and lockdowns in order to halt the spread of the virus. However, despite these measures, the world suffered a pandemic which has now claimed millions of lives - and counting, and has sunk the international economy to record lows;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the orders, directives, rules, and regulations imposed by the National Government, the Provincial Government of Isabela and all LGUs within its authority established policies and implemented measures to contain the spread of the virus in the Province of Isabela;

WHEREAS, on June 03, 2020 and July 27, 2020, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela Committee on Games and Amusement and the Committee on Health and Sanitation conducted a Joint Committee Hearing to determine, among other issues, the propriety of the proposed resumption of Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) gaming operations in the Province of Isabela amidst the rising cases of COVID-19 cases in the country;

WHEREAS, it was ascertained in the two Committee Hearings, among other findings, that Sahara Games and Amusement Philippines Corporation (Sahara for brevity), the Authorized Agent Corporation of PCSO to conduct Small-Town Lottery in the Province of Isabela, has no clear and established health protocols which will ensure that their personnel are COVID-19 free or will minimize their risk from contracting or spreading COVID-19 to the community;

WHEREAS, due to Sahara's continued display of disinterest and lack of concern in resolving the issues raised in the Committee Hearings, this Honorable Body passed Resolution No. 2020-19-1 "**Expressing Objection and Opposition to the Proposed Resumption of Gaming Operations of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office in the Province of Isabela Due to the Pervasiveness of Covid-19**"; and Resolution No. 2020-25-3 "**Restating with Profound Conviction the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's Objection and Opposition to the Proposed Resumption of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Operations in the Province of Isabela Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic**";

WHEREAS, despite the repeated opposition of the Provincial Government of Isabela and the Isabeleño people to the resumption of Small-Town Lottery (STL) Operations in the Province of Isabela, Sahara resumed their STL Operations on October 01, 2020;

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WHEREAS, equipped with the appropriate authority issued by this Honorable Body, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, thru the Provincial Legal Office, on October 1, 2020, filed a Petition against PCSO and Sahara resulting in the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) which temporarily prohibited such entities from conducting STL Operations in the Province of Isabela effective until October 21, 2020;

WHEREAS, with the expiration of such TRO, STL operations resumed once again in the Province of Isabela on October 22, 2020 notwithstanding the steady increase of COVID 19 cases as evidenced by the declaration of countless calibrated lockdowns in the different barangays in the different municipalities, not to mention the placing of Ilagan City under Enhanced Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, the resumption of STL operations, not only in the Province of Isabela but in the entire country, further complicates the various problems brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and clearly undermines the efforts of the entire nation in trying to resolve this health crisis at the soonest possible time;

WHEREAS, on December 09, 2020, the PCSO announced that they will file criminal and administrative charges against Cauayan City Mayor Honorable Bernard Faustino M. Dy for implementing lawful and appropriate measures to halt the STL operations of Sahara. In addition, Sahara's officials made public allegations replete with lies and malicious statements against Honorable Governor, Rodolfo T. Albano III, and Honorable Vice Governor, Faustino G. Dy III. Such baseless and dishonest declarations against the Province's officials are clearly aimed to misinform, mislead, and deceive the public, law enforcement agencies, and investigating bodies;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body considers the defamatory remarks made by Sahara against the officials of the Province of Isabela as an affront against the authority of the entire Provincial Government of Isabela;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body expresses its unparalleled denouncement and strong condemnation to the action of Sahara, and vows to assert its mandate to uphold and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Isabeleños against any move for the resumption of Sahara's gambling operations in the Province of Isabela amidst this pandemic;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, upon motion of Honorable Emmanuel Joselito B. Añes, duly approved and seconded in a Special Session duly assembled, it was

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RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING EDUARDO B. DAVALAN, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES OF SAHARA GAMES AND AMUSEMENT PHILIPPINES CORPORATION, AND JENNIFER C. SUÑA, PHILIPPINE CHARITY AND SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE – ISABELA ASSISTANT MANAGER, AS PERSONA NON GRATA FOR ENDANGERING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ISABELEÑOS BY RESUMING SMALL-TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DESPITE REPEATED CENSURES THERETO

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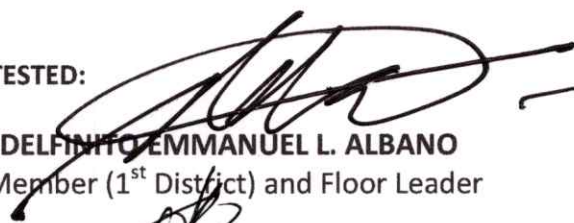
RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to: the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, for his guidance and further action; PCSO General Manager, Ms. Royina Marzan Garma, and PCSO Isabela Assistant Branch Manager, Ms. Jennifer C. Suña, for their information; and the Provincial Information Officer, Atty. Elizabeth C. Binag, for dissemination of this Resolution in appropriate social media platforms.


Approved and Adopted, December 09, 2020.

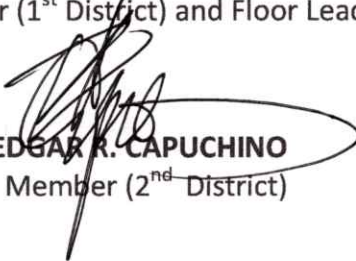
**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**

ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:



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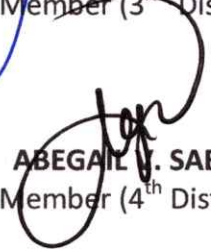

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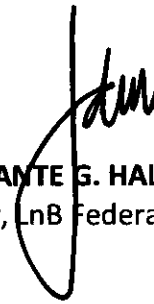

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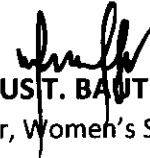
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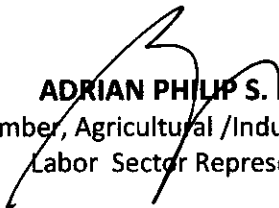
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