



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan*

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON OCTOBER 27, 2020.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1 <sup>st</sup> District) & Floor Leader
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 <sup>st</sup> District)
ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2 <sup>nd</sup> District)
EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO	Member (2 <sup>nd</sup> District)
RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.	Member (3 <sup>rd</sup> District)
RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA	Member (3 <sup>rd</sup> District)
CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 <sup>th</sup> District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 <sup>th</sup> District)
FAUSTINO U. DY IV	Member (5 <sup>th</sup> District)
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 <sup>th</sup> District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 <sup>th</sup> District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 <sup>th</sup> District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
VENUS GRACE T. BAUTISTA	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37-1**  
**SERIES OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION REITERATING THE STRONG OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE RESUMPTION OF PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) SMALL-TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**SPONSOR: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Health & Sanitation

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

**WHEREAS**, it is the mandate of every Local Government Unit to ensure and support the promotion of health and safety of its constituents within its territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, in adherence to its mandate, the Provincial Government of Isabela consistently expressed its opposition to the resumption of operation of Small-Town Lottery (STL) in the Province of Isabela citing: **(1) health concerns**, due to the widespread and house-to-house manner of collecting STL bets; **(2) labor violations** of Sahara Games and Amusement Corporation (Sahara), the STL Authorized Agent Corporation (AAC) of PCSO in the Province, in view of the non-provision of the

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appropriate benefits to their personnel; and **(3) jurisprudence**, particularly the Supreme Court ruling in *KilosBayan, et. al. vs. Teofisto Guingona, et. al. (GR. No. 113375, May 5, 1994)* holding that the PCSO cannot share its franchise or privilege “to hold and conduct charity sweepstakes races, lotteries and other similar activities” by way of collaboration, association, and joint venture with any other party;

**WHEREAS**, the PCSO issued Memorandum No. 09-OGM-317 directing AACs to resume STL Operations in several provinces in the country, including the Province of Isabela, on October 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with its position against the resumption of STL in the Province of Isabela, this Honorable Body passed Resolution No. 2020-32-4 which granted the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, the necessary authority to represent the Provincial Government of Isabela in filing the appropriate legal action against PCSO and Sahara for the cessation of STL Operations in the Province of Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, equipped with the appropriate authority, 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 here in the past few weeks 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**, this Honorable Body stand firm on its continuous objection and opposition to the resumption of STL operations as the health and safety of its constituents remain to be its paramount concern;

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Emmanuel Joselito B. Añes, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled it was-

**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REITERATING THE STRONG OBJECTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE RESUMPTION OF PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE SMALL TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to furnish the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III; PCSO General Manager, Ms. Royina Marzan Garma; and PCSO-Isabela Branch Manager, Ms. Yamashita B. Japinan, a copy of this Resolution for their information.

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**Approved and Adopted, October 27, 2020.**

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

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

**ATTESTED/APPROVED:**

  
**FAUSTINE G. DY III**  
Provincial Vice Governor & Presiding Officer