



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan  
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## *Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan*

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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. 2020-32-4 SERIES OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, HONORABLE RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA IN ALL ITS LEGAL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PHILIPPINE CHARITY AND SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE AND SAHARA GAMES AND AMUSEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE CESSATION OF SMALL-TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**Sponsor: HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO**

Chairperson, Committee on Games and Amusement

**Co-Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES**

Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela adheres to its legal mandate and upholds its moral obligation to protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of its people;

**WHEREAS**, the country is experiencing an unprecedented public health crisis due to the spread and persistence of COVID-19;

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**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) issued Memorandum No. 09-OGM-317 directing Authorized Agent Corporations (AAC) to resume Small-Town Lottery (STL) Operations on October 1, 2020. In view of this Memorandum, STL operations in the Province of Isabela officially resumed on such date thru the Sahara Games and Amusement Corporation, the STL AAC of PCSO-Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body expressed its profound objection and opposition to the resumption of STL operations in the Province of Isabela amidst this pandemic thru Resolution No. 2020-19-1 and Resolution No. 2020-25-3. Such resolutions expressed the sentiment of this Honorable Body that *“the finances of the people during this pandemic are better utilized for the procurement of basic necessities and essential services instead of spending such for gambling activities, and that the resumption of PCSO gambling operations is counter-productive to the efforts of the entire country in resolving the ongoing national health emergency”*;

**WHEREAS**, the nature of STL operations in which bet collectors roam around from different households to collect bets and the exchange of insanitary monies between a multitude of people will undoubtedly facilitate the transmission of COVID-19 between and among Isabeleños and accelerate the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the Province thereby placing the entire Isabeleño populace at an unnecessary risk of experiencing a mass COVID-19 outbreak;

**WHEREAS**, in due consideration to the health, safety, and well-being of Isabeleños, drastic measures must be undertaken, including the institution of appropriate legal actions, to halt, cease, and preclude STL operations in the Province of Isabela amidst this pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, Section 465, par. VI of the Local Government Code empowers the Provincial Governor to represent the Province in all its transactions and sign in its behalf all contracts and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body hereby grants the Honorable Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, the requisite authority to institute the appropriate legal actions and file all necessary pleadings, motions, and other legal papers, thru the Provincial Legal Office, against PCSO, PCSO-Isabela, and Sahara to halt, cease, and preclude the operation of STL in the Province of Isabela, and to represent the Provincial Government of Isabela in all stages of prosecution of the same;

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Ed Christian S. Go, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled it was –

**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, HONORABLE RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA IN ALL ITS LEGAL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PHILIPPINE CHARITY AND SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE AND SAHARA GAMES AND AMUSEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE CESSATION OF SMALL-TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

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**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to furnish the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, and the Provincial Legal Officer, Atty. John Ryan P. Torio, a copy of this Resolution for their guidance, information, and further action.

**Approved and Adopted, September 22, 2020.**

**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**  
Provincial Vice Governor and Presiding Officer