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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 118<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025.

PRESENT:

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| FAUSTINO G. DY III           | Vice Governor & Presiding Officer    |
| DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO | Member (1st District) & Floor Leader |
| EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES    | Member (1st District)                |
| ED CHRISTIAN S. GO           | Member (2nd District)                |
| EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO           | Member (2nd District)                |
| MARY GRACE D. ARREOLA        | Member (3rd District)                |
| RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.     | Member (3rd District)                |
| CLIFFORD R. RASPADO          | Member (4th District)                |
| VICTOR G. DY                 | Member (4th District)                |
| MANUEL FAUSTINO U. DY        | Member (5th District)                |
| EDWARD S. ISIDRO             | Member (5th District)                |
| MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS         | Member (6th District)                |
| AMADOR A. GAFFUD, JR.        | Member (6th District)                |
| ANTONIO S. HUI               | Member, PCL Federation President     |
| MARIA KATRINA JESSICA G. DY  | Member, LnB Federation President     |
| CATHERINE JOY L. LEGASPI     | Member, SK Federation President      |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-12**

Series of 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR RODOLFO T. ALBANO III TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BY AND BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "LIVELIHOOD AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VIRGINIA TOBACCO FARMERS OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA"**

**Sponsor: HON. CLIFFORD R. RASPADO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela upholds a policy that accords preferential consideration to the welfare of farmers and the development of the agriculture sector in the formulation of its policies and implementation of its programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela recognizes the vital role of local government units as key partners in promoting inclusive growth and sustainable agricultural development throughout the province;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to **Republic Act No. 8240**, as amended by **Republic Acts Nos. 10351 and 11346**, and further guided by **DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 91**, the Provincial Government of Isabela, as a tobacco-producing province, is entitled to shares from the Burley and Native Tobacco Excise Tax Collections;

**Nagkaisa para sa Isabela**



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**WHEREAS**, the Department of Budget and Management, through Local Budget Memorandum No. 91 dated August 29, 2024, strongly advised local government units to undertake cooperative undertakings consistent with Section 33 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

**WHEREAS**, in line with its policy to promote the welfare of its farmers and the local agriculture sector, the Provincial Government of Isabela identified and approved the implementation of the project entitled "Livelihood and Financial Assistance for Virginia Tobacco Farmers of Echague, Isabela" amounting to Forty Million Pesos (₱40,000,000.00), to be funded from its shares in the Burley and Native Tobacco Excise Tax Collections;

**WHEREAS**, the project aims to provide financial assistance and livelihood support to Virginia tobacco farmers, including but not limited to farm inputs, labor, farm equipment and materials, technical support, and other logistical needs, thereby enhancing agricultural productivity and improving farmers' income;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Provincial Government of Isabela and the Municipal Government of Echague, Isabela outlines the project implementation responsibilities, fund utilization procedures, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and accountability safeguards, consistent with Republic Act No. 11346, and relevant DBM and COA guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, this August Body, after a thorough review, finds the MOA to be proper, lawful, and beneficial to the tobacco farmers of Echague, and that authorizing the Honorable Governor to sign the same will expedite the implementation of the project;

**WHEREAS**, Section 465(b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160 empowers the Provincial Governor to represent the Province in all its business transactions and sign on its behalf all contracts and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

**WHEREFORE**, upon motion of the Honorable Clifford R. Raspado, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR RODOLFO T. ALBANO III TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BY AND BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA AND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "LIVELIHOOD AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VIRGINIA TOBACCO FARMERS OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA"**

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Governor Rodolfo T. Albano III and the Municipal Mayor of Echague, Isabela, the Honorable Francis Faustino A. Dy, for their information.

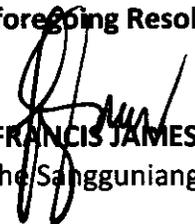
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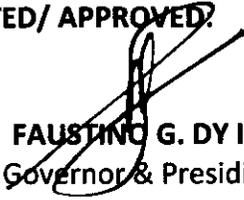
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**Approved and Adopted, February 11, 2025.**

**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 & Presiding Officer