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MUNICIPALITY OF NARVACAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

RESOLUTION NO. 01
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A RESOLUTION DISPROVING AND REFUTING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBER PABLITO SANIDAD, JR. DURING THE GROUNDBREAKING OF A PROPOSED BARANGAY PROJECT AT BRGY. QUINARAYAN, NARVACAN, ILOCOS SUR LAST DECEMBER 20, 2013

WHEREAS, several provincial officials were invited to and attended the groundbreaking ceremony of a proposed barangay project at Brgy. Quinarayan, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur last December 20, 2013, including Hon. Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson, Vice Governor Deogracias Victor "DV" Savellano and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Pablito Sanidad, Jr. On the other hand, municipal officials of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur were not invited to this event;

WHEREAS, in the course of the groundbreaking ceremony, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Pablito Sanidad, Jr. took the opportunity to harshly criticize the Municipality of Narvacan, saying that our beloved municipality has not attained progress, although there is no factual basis whatsoever for his highly erroneous, outright misleading, utterly deceptive and completely untruthful statements;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur offers our vehement reaction to the untruthful statements made by Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Pablito Sanidad, Jr. for the reason that they do not reflect the unprecedented economic progress and sustainable development which the Municipality of Narvacan was able to achieve over the past few decades through the effective governance of our local administration, presently led by Municipal Mayor Hon. Zuriel S. Zaragoza;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur to disprove and refute the statements made by Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Pablito Sanidad, Jr. during the groundbreaking of the barangay project at Quinarayan, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur last December 20, 2013, and to bring to his attention the fact that Narvacan has emerged as one of the most progressive towns in Ilocos Sur today, as follows:

- 1) At present, the Municipality of Narvacan has transformed into a thriving agro-industrial and commercial center, a pioneer in the tourism industry, and a peaceful and secure community. This is evidenced by the fact that financial institutions have shown confidence by opening up branches in our town, including PNB, Land Bank, Summit Bank and Rang-ay Bank. BDO and Metrobank will soon follow suit, with BDO already building the site for its Narvacan Branch along the national highway;

- 2) Extensive road-concreting projects have been undertaken in all major barangay roads to facilitate transportation in these areas. Today, majority of the network of roads throughout Narvacan has now been concretized for the convenience of farmers, fisherfolk and barangay residents and to promote business and trade in the barangays;
- 3) The Narvacan Public Market underwent a major expansion and renovation in the early '90s in order to provide better services to customers than ever before. The Narvacan Public Market presently accommodates numerous commercial establishments which conduct business activities on a daily basis. Through the initiative of Mayor Zuriel S. Zaragoza, the Panganan Food Stalls and the line up of barbecue stands along the Narvacan Public Market have now been opened for the benefit of customers. In turn, this will enhance market operations and bring more convenience to the buying public. In conjunction with the opening of the Panganan Food Stalls, market operations have undoubtedly intensified during the administration of Mayor Zaragoza, attracting more customers from the different barangays in Narvacan and from neighboring municipalities as well;
- 4) The Narvacan Mall along the national highway has also brought recognition to our town. It now features a vast selection of stores that offer a wide range of products and merchandise. JTC Grocery Store, Magic Department & Appliance Store and Mang Inasal are among the shops/restaurants worth visiting in Narvacan Mall. The success of this commercial establishment is a definite sign of the economic growth of Narvacan, such that starting a business venture in our town is viable and very much profitable. Local residents as well as those coming from nearby municipalities regularly shop at the Narvacan Mall;
- 5) The Bagnet Festival has revolutionized the Narvacan Town Fiesta celebrations. The 4th Bagnet Festival held last December 2013 was a tremendously successful affair. As the main highlight of our town fiesta, the festival aims to showcase the culture and heritage of our humble town, establishing our town's status as a unique producer of *bagnet*, a sought-after Ilocano delicacy. Last year's Bagnet Festival featured a Street Dancing and Dance Showdown competition, with an Open Category where we have invited contingents from all over Region I and CAR. Not only has the Bagnet Festival gained recognition with the help of our local media partners, but our festival has also received accreditation from the Department of Tourism, and is now included in the DOT Calendar of Philippine Festivals and Events;
- 6) The Narvacan Tourism Center at the coastal road in Brgy. Bulanos is another major attraction that is gaining popularity and will soon make Narvacan a renowned tourist destination in Northern Luzon. The development of our shoreline area has been complemented by the closure of the old dumpsite, the construction of the Narvacan Port Road, the launching of the Narvacan Zip Line, installation of Container Van Facilities and other upcoming projects that will surely enhance the reputation of Narvacan as a place for leisure, relaxation and adventure. The local government's tourism program aims to raise revenue, create employment opportunities and improve the overall quality of life for all Narvacaneos;
- 7) Narvacan is the only municipality in the entire province of Ilocos Sur to have its very own e-Library for the benefit of students who may now avail of computer and Internet facilities for free. This project is part of the municipal government's commitment of providing quality education to the youth of Narvacan. The e-Library serves as a research center for students through a network of computers with Internet access which they can use for educational and information-gathering purposes. Through the e-Library, the present municipal administration seeks to facilitate learning and education of our

students in a manner that is in keeping with the technological advancements of our modern times. Education remains a high priority under Mayor Zaragoza's present administration which has seen an increase in budgetary allotment in the area of education over the past few years;


- 8) The average annual income of Narvacan has increased to more than P100M, hence duly qualified to become one of the few 1st Class Municipalities in Ilocos Sur;
- 9) One of the initial infrastructure projects of Mayor Zaragoza is the renovation of the Municipal Hall which includes the remodeling and beautification of its comfort rooms, installation of air-conditioning units, and repainting of its façade, ceiling and rooftop, for the welfare of local government employees. At present, the interior design of the municipal building is remarkably inspiring and truly reflective of the progress which our municipality has attained;
- 10) The Municipality of Narvacan placed 2nd in the Search for the Cleanest, Greenest and Safest LGU sponsored by the Regional Development Council of Region I. The Provincial Clean & Green Task Force conducted an inspection/evaluation of the Municipal Hall of Narvacan as well as different barangays of the municipality;
- 11) Finally, the Municipality of Narvacan is the proud recipient of the DILG Seal of Good Housekeeping Award, receiving the bronze seal in 2012 and the silver seal in 2013. The DILG Seal of Good Housekeeping Award is given only to LGUs that exhibited good performance in the areas of local governance, transparency and accountability.

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Hon. Mayor Zuriel S. Zaragoza, Hon. Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson, Hon. Vice Governor Deogracias Victor "DV" Savellano and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Pablito Sanidad, Jr. for their information and guidance.

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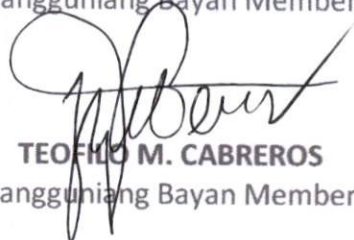

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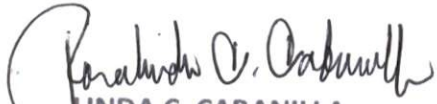

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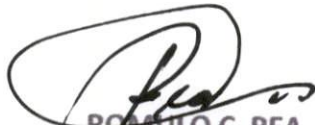
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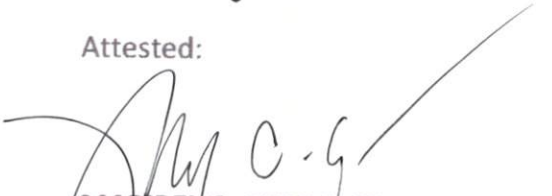

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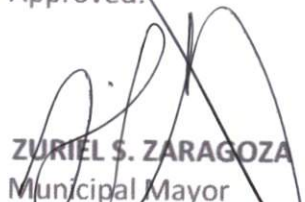

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