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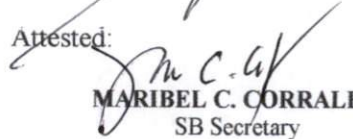
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF NARVACAN, ILOCOS SUR HELD ON JULY 15, 2019 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-SS**  
Series of 2019

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BIGBIGA SPRING WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE IN BARANGAY CADACAD, MUNICIPALITY OF NARVACAN AS A MUNICIPAL NATURAL PROPERTY OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE AND URGING THE PASSAGE OF LAW TO MAKE IT A STATUTORILY DECLARED PART OF THE PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM UNDER THE NIPAS ACT AND IN THE MEANTIME TO DECLARE IT AS A MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREA**

WHEREAS, the BIGBIGA SPRING WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE " is located within Sitio Mata, Barangay Cadacad, Municipality of Narvacan, with a total area of 135.71 hectares of land of the public domain. The area is composed of 50% brushland consisting of mixed miscellaneous species of trees including bamboo, bikal, rattan and vines, with the other 50% identified as open grassland. Also found are 11 species of birds". (Senate Bill 2890, 2008);

WHEREAS, on August 16, 1939, then President MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, recognized the vital ecological importance of the said area and therefore issued Proclamation No. 431, "Establishing as BIGBIGA SPRING FOREST RESERVE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND TIMBER PRODUCTION A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN NARVACAN, ILOCOS SUR" and withdrew the same from entry, sale, or settlement;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2000, then President JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, issued Proclamation No. 290, "Declaring the Bigbiga Spring Watershed Forest Reserve situated in Barangay Cadacad, Municipality of Narvacan , Province of Ilocos Sur, Island of Luzon, as PROTECTED AREA under the category of PROTECTED LANDSCAPE pursuant to R.A. 7586 (NIPAS ACT 1992) and shall be known as the BIGBIGA PROTECTED LANDSCAPE";

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10066, Art. II, Sec. 3 (dd) falls under the definition of "Natural Property of Cultural Significance";

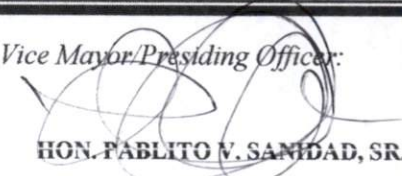
WHEREAS, realizing that there was a need for statutory recognition and protection of the said vital natural resource of Narvacan, then Senator MANNY VILLAR in the year 2008, filed Senate Bill No. 2890 (The BIGBIGA PROTECTED LANDSCAPE ACT OF 2008) seeking to declare by law the Bigbiga Spring Watershed Forest Reserve as protected area within the framework of Republic Act No. 7586 (the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) Act and thus provide among other things for: 1) the creation of PAMB (Protected Area Management Board) composed of regional, provincial, municipal, barangay and other sectors; 2) Specifying the powers and function of the PAMB; 3) Creating the office of the PASu (Protected Area Superintendent Office);



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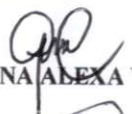
  
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Enumerating prohibited acts within the protected area and penalties for violations thereof; and 4) mandating the Secretary of the DENR to include the said area for funding under the General Appropriations Act;

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, Senate Bill No. 2890 did not become a law;

**WHEREAS**, considering the impending climate change crisis, and the need for the municipality of Narvacan to preserve, conserve and protect its natural resources and vital water sources and forest reserves, pursuant to the constitutional mandate to advance the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature, and the duty of the Sangguniang Bayan to provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and water sheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

1. Considering that Senator **CYNTHIA VILLAR**, wife of former Senator **MANNY VILLAR**, author the Senate Bill No. 2890, was reelected to the Senate in the recent 2019 national elections, to **IMPLORE HER KIND OFFICE** to revive and submit once again her version of Senate Bill No. 2890 NO. 2890, so that the vision of her husband, former Senator Manny Villar, for the town of Narvacan, would become a reality;

2. **IMPLORING** also the office of newly elected **Congressperson CHRISTIN SINGSON**, of the Second District of Ilocos Sur, to file a counterpart bill before the House of Representatives, so that the intention of creating a Bigbiga Protected Landscape envision in Senate Bill No. 2890 would be realized;

3. Imploring the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur, headed by **Governor RYAN LUIS SINGSON** to support this aspiration of the town of Narvacan for the protection and conservation of its sources of water supply, biodiversity and natural resources;

4. And in the meantime that a law is not yet passed creating the Bigbiga Protected Landscape, and in anticipation and preparation therefore, to **HEREBY DECLARE**, that the **BIGBIGA SPRING WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE**, created under Proclamation No. 431, Series of 1939 and Proclamation No. 290, Series of 2000, is hereby **DECLARED** as a **MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREA** under the definition of Republic Act No. 7586 in order to preserve essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain its natural condition to the greatest extent possible.



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5. Let copies of this Resolution be sent to the:

- a. Office of SENATOR CYNTHIA VILLAR, Senate of the Philippines;
- b. Office of CONGRESSPERSON CHRISTINE SINGSON, House of Representatives;
- c. Governor Ryan Luis Singson
- d. SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS: Hon. GINA CORDERO and Hon. PABLITO F. SANIDAD JR.
- e. The PUNONG BARANGAY and BARANGAY COUNCIL, Barangay Cadacad, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur
- f. The CHIEF OF POLICE of the Narvacan PNP, to insure that all acts prohibited under Republic Act No. 7586 are not committed within the protected area and to arrest and help prosecute all violators.

**PASSED AND APPROVED.**