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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR – Region IVB
DENR by the Bay 1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **“TREES FOR THE FUTURE” PROGRAM OF PALAWAN**

DATE : **APR 04 2023**

This has reference to Palawan’s Sanguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 17121 Series of 2022 referred to the Office of the DENR Secretary by Mr. Raymundo Padrones Jr., Supervising Administrative Officer of the Provincial Government of Palawan.

The Provincial Resolution is promoting the “Trees for the Future” program, one of the means identified to regreen the denuded 98,000 hectares of primary forest and 3,000 hectares of mangrove forest in Palawan.

May we refer the matter to your Office for evaluation and appropriate action pursuant to existing laws, rules, and regulations. Reply directly to Mr. Padrones, furnishing this Office of the actions taken citing document tracking number DENRCO-AS RMD-2023-001939 for monitoring and record purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

cc: The OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas
and EMB Director, in concurrent capacity



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



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MS. ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
2/F DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman
Quezon City



Madam:

We are forwarding herewith a copy of Provincial Resolution No. 17121, series of 2022 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan, for information and appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN:


RAYMUNDO G. PADRONES JR.
Supervising Administrative Officer



Republic of the Philippines
Provincial Government of Palawan
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
City of Puerto Princesa

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE
44TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2022
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL
CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA**

PRESENT:

Hon. Leoncio N. Ola,	<i>Vice Governor</i>
Hon. Juan Antonio E. Alvarez,	<i>Acting Presiding Officer</i>
Hon. Roseller S. Pineda,	<i>Floor Leader</i>
Hon. Marivic H. Roxas,	<i>Asst. Floor Leader – 2nd District</i>
Hon. Rafael V. Ortega Jr.,	<i>Asst. Floor Leader – 3rd District</i>
Hon. Maria Angela V. Sabando,	<i>S.P. Member – 1st District</i>
Hon. Ryan D. Maminta,	<i>S.P. Member – 2nd District</i>
Hon. Al-Nashier M. Ibba,	<i>S.P. Member – 2nd District</i>
Hon. Ariston D. Arzaga,	<i>S.P. Member – 2nd District</i>
Hon. Al-Shariff W. Ibba	<i>S.P. Member – PCL Federation President</i>
Hon. Ferdinand P. Zaballa,	<i>S.P. Member – ABC Federation President</i>

ABSENT:

Hon. Winston G. Arzaga,	<i>Sangguniang Panlalawigan Pro-Tempore</i>
Hon. Nieves C Rosento,	<i>S.P. Member – 1st District</i>
Hon. Purita J. Seguritan,	<i>S.P. Member – IPM Representative</i>
Hon. Anyatika R. Rodriguez,	<i>S.P. Member – SK Federation President</i>

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17121
Series of 2022**

**PROMOTING THE “TREES FOR THE FUTURE” IN RELATION TO USAPANG
PALAWAN 2022, DUE TO FAST DENUDATION OF THE PROVINCE’S FOREST**

Authored by:

HON. ARISTON D. ARZAGA

WHEREAS, a recent study made by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) *Project Sibol*, revealed that since 2005, the province has lost 98,000 hectares of primary forest and 3,000 hectares of mangrove forest. Other problems include landslides, siltation, the loss of homes, communities, and wildlife, the loss of a way to make a living, the spread of illegal logging, and quarrying;

WHEREAS, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) Executive Director, Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta discussed thru a video presentation, during the *Usapang Palawan Summit*, that every town in Palawan needs to plant trees every 10,000 hectares to save the province’s forests;

WHEREAS, planting trees is viewed as an act towards environment conservation. Trees for the Future is a program which aims to end hunger and improve the environment at the same time. This program seeks to train farmers to regenerate their land by planting trees and growing crops or variety of fruits and vegetables using certain technique and approach;

WHEREAS, aside from the above-mentioned, "Trees for the Future" seeks to address the impact of the denudation of forest in the province of Palawan which results to ecological problems and destructions of the entire province;

WHEREAS, the post-Odette environmental damage assessment made by PCSD also revealed that 60 percent of forest cover of the province has been destroyed and because of this, the biodiversity is also at risk, with catastrophic consequences;

WHEREAS, with the majority of forests having been degraded or lost because of agricultural expansion from 2005-2015, drastic policy and direction changes must be made;

WHEREAS, this legislative measure recognizes the need to adjust the provincial government's plans and programs to reforestation and save the province's forests and keep its reputation as the "*Last Ecological Frontier*" of the Philippines complementing its position as the World's Best Island Destination;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan has recommended the promotion of massive reforestation in Palawan as part of the provincial government's plan to catch up with the rapid decline of forests in the province;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this measure to encourage all sectors to promote and support the "Trees for the Future" as a means to re-green our forest areas and mountains not only for reforestation and conservation purposes but for food; whereby municipal government with the barangays shall select an area for reforestation, ecological park separate from forest production, the latter as source of lumber in the future; promotion of forest tree plantings; production of forest tree seedlings, provision of fruit trees seedlings; regular conduct of tree planting activities including in the mangrove areas; conduct of information campaign to gain wide support of the community; strong law enforcement; conduct of environmental programs and awareness; and similar activities;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Roseller S. Pineda duly seconded, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to promote the "Trees for the Future" in relation to *Usapang Palawan 2022*, due to fast denudation of the province's forest;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Toni Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City; Mr. Felizardo Cayatoc, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, DENR, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City; Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, Executive Director, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), Sta. Monica, Puerto. Princesa City; Atty. Noel Aquino, PG-ENRO; and all Municipal Mayors, all of the Province of Palawan, for their information and appropriate action.

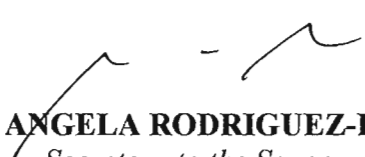
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I CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Resolution.

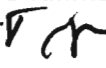

ANGELA RODRIGUEZ-PEÑA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


JUAN ANTONIO E. ALVAREZ
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES

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Date

This document is not valid without Sangguniang Panlalawigan Seal.

VDMS/LNO/ARP/epp – 10/7/22

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN PROVINCE OF PALAWAN
NOV 23 2022
Date Returned: _____
Deemed Approved Pursuant To Sec. 54 of The Local Gov't. Code of 1991
 RAYMUNDO G. PADRONES JR. Supervising Administrative Officer