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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer


**SUBJECT :** **PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 17614, SERIES OF 2023  
REQUESTING THE HONORABLE MARIA ANTONIA YULO-  
LOYZAGA, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) TO  
CONDUCT AERIAL SEEDING IN SOME DENUDED PORTIONS OF  
FORESTS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Respectfully forwarded is the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 17614, series of 2023, "Requesting the Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to conduct aerial seeding in some denuded portions of forests in the Province of Palawan."

The aforementioned resolution contains that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan recognized aerial seeding as the most practical and economic way to reforest and restore forest trees in the denuded mountains in the province.

For information and further instruction on the matter.

"For the PENRO"

  
**ALEXANDER E. MANCIO**  
SvEMS/Executive Assistant of PENRO  
In-Charge, Office of the PENRO



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PENRO  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Palawan  
Barangay Sta. Monica  
Puerto Princesa City

Sir:

We are forwarding herewith a copy each of Provincial Resolution No. 17614, series of 2023 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan, for your information and appropriate action.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN:

[Signature]  
**RAYMUNDO G. PADRONES JR.**  
Supervising Administrative Officer

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City of Puerto Princesa

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
44<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL  
CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Leoncio N. Ola,	<i>Vice Governor &amp; Presiding Officer</i>
Hon. Roseller S. Pineda,	<i>Floor Leader</i>
Hon. Rafael V. Ortega Jr.,	<i>Asst. Floor Leader – 3<sup>rd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Ryan D. Maminta,	<i>S.P. Member – 2<sup>nd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Al-Nashier M. Ibba,	<i>S.P. Member – 2<sup>nd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Ariston D. Arzaga,	<i>S.P. Member – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>
Hon. Purita J. Seguritan,	<i>S.P. Member – IPM Representative</i>

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Winston G. Arzaga,	<i>Sangguniang Panlalawigan Pro-Tempore</i>
Hon. Juan Antonio E. Alvarez,	<i>S.P. Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District</i>
Hon. Maria Angela V. Sabando,	<i>S.P. Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District</i>
Hon. Marivic H. Roxas,	<i>Asst. Floor Leader – 2<sup>nd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Nieves C Rosento,	<i>S.P. Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District</i>
Hon. Anyatika R. Rodriguez,	<i>S.P. Member – SK Federation President</i>

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Series of 2023**

**REQUESTING THE HONORABLE MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA, SECRETARY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) TO  
CONDUCT AERIAL SEEDING IN SOME DENUDED PORTIONS OF FORESTS IN THE  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Authorized by:

**HON. ARISTON D. ARZAGA**

**WHEREAS**, known for its beauty and blessed with incredibly awesome landscapes, outstanding dive sites, majestic mountains, primeval caves, and pristine beaches, Palawan is a long, narrow island in the southwest Philippines that's sanctuary to a rich array of flora, fauna, and marine life. An anchor tourist destination, Palawan is one of the 7,641 islands that make up the Philippine archipelago;

**WHEREAS**, accounting for the bulk of the nation's forest cover, the Palawan rainforest is considered to be the last ecological frontier in the archipelago nation. Almost half of Palawan's topography is steep mountainous. Over 3,500 flowering plant species with 20% endemism are known from the island. The vegetation types are diverse, forest have been home to indigenous people for thousands of years;

**WHEREAS**, a recent study conducted by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Project Sibol, which is run by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), revealed that since 2005, the province has lost 98,000 hectares of primary forest and 3,000 hectares of mangrove forest;

**WHEREAS**, the said study also revealed that majority of forests had been degraded or lost due to agricultural expansion, increasing human settlement, and unabated kaingin farming;

**WHEREAS**, 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**, with illegal logging, wildlife poaching, mangrove loss, agro-industrial development, and unsustainable mining continue to take place at alarming rates, it contributes significantly to the ongoing loss of Palawan's rainforest of about 5,500 hectares every year – the equivalent of 7,700 football pitches;

**WHEREAS**, aerial seeding is a means of reforesting bald portions of forests in the province which is the most practical and economical way to reforest and restore forest trees in the denuded mountains in the province;

**WHEREAS**, aerial seeding is a technique of plantation wherein seed balls – seeds covered with a mixture of clay, compost, char and other components – are sprayed on the ground using aerial devices, including planes, helicopters or drones in times suitable for the seeds and plants to grow;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will intensify the government's national greening program by planting trees on more than two million hectares of land by 2028 in line with the directive of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to focus on reforestation efforts in the country;

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

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to request the Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to conduct aerial seeding in some denuded portions of forests in the Province of Palawan;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City; Honorable V. Dennis M. Socrates, Governor, Province of Palawan; the Regional Executive Director, DENR MIMAROPA; Mr. Felizardo Cayatoc, PENRO, DENR, Palawan; Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, Provincial Director, PCSD; Mr. Jeremias Y. Alili, PGDH-PDRMO and Atty. Noel E. Aquino, PG-ENRO, and all Municipal Mayors, all of the Province of Palawan, for their information and appropriate action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**ANGELA RODRIGUEZ-PEÑA**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

**LEONCIO N. OLA**  
*Vice Governor and Presiding Officer*

APPROVED:

**V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES**  
*Governor*  
4 MARCH 9, 2023  
*Date*

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