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Provincial Government of Palawan  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
Puerto Princesa City

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 98<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
44<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD ON JUNE 18, 2024  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL,  
CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Leoncio N. Ola,	<i>Vice Governor &amp; Presiding Officer</i>
Hon. Winston G. Arzaga,	<i>S.P Pro-Tempore</i>
Hon. Roseller S. Pineda,	<i>Floor Leader</i>
Hon. Marivic H. Roxas,	<i>Assistant Floor Leader – 2<sup>nd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Rafael V. Ortega Jr.,	<i>Assistant Floor Leader – 3<sup>rd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Juan Antonio E. Alvarez,	<i>S.P. Member – 1<sup>st</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. Arnel P. Abrina,	<i>S.P. Member – IPM Representative</i>

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Nieves C. Rosento,	<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. Ferdinand P. Zaballa,	<i>S.P. Member – President, Liga ng mga Barangay</i>
Hon. Al-Shariff W. Ibba,	<i>S.P. Member – PCL Federation President</i>
Hon. Luzviminda L. Bautista,	<i>S.P. Member – SK Federation President</i>

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**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 19914**  
Series of 2024

**APPEALING TO THE HONORABLE MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR PRIORITY AND HIGHLY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM (ENGP) THE DIRE NEED TO REFOREST THE DENUDED MOUNTAINS ALONG THE MT. MANTALINGAHAN RANGES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, AND THE OTHER FOUR (4) TOWNS COMPOSING THE MT. MANTALINGAHAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE (MMPL) IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Authored by:

**HON. ARISTON D. ARZAGA**

**WHEREAS**, the mountains along Mount Mantalingahan Ranges in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan is part of the Presidential Proclamation No. 1815 dated 23 June 2009 comprising the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) covering five (5)

municipalities of Brooke's Point, Bataraza, Dr. Jose Rizal (formerly Marcos town), Quezon and Sofronio Espanola in the Province of Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, this proposal is seeking from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for priority consideration inclusion under the Enhanced National Greening Program of the DENR the denuded mountains of Brooke's Point owing to its bad and poor forest cover;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal also seek consideration on the inclusion of the other four (4) municipalities of Bataraza, Dr. Jose Rizal (formerly Marcos Town), Quezon and Sofronio Espanola comprising the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) under Presidential Proclamation No. 8515 dated 23 June 2009;

**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 to save the province's forests;

**WHEREAS**, 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, quarrying and also mining;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the deforestation and forest degradation while helping to restore lost forest, one innovative initiative is the aerial seeding as a means of reforesting bald portions of forests in the province 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 are sprayed on the ground using aerial devices, including planes, helicopters or drones in times suitable for the seeds and plants to grow bypassing the difficult way of carrying the seedlings in the mountains to reforest and less expensive by doing away of producing seedlings in the nursery;

**WHEREAS**, with the directive of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to focus on reforestation efforts in the country, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will intensify the government's national greening program by planting trees at least two million hectares of land by 2028, thus appeal for the inclusion of the re-greening and reforesting the mountains of the Municipality of Brooke's Point in Palawan including the other four (4) municipalities of Bataraza, Dr. Jose Rizal (formerly Marcos Town), Quezon and Sofronio Espanola within the MMPL area in the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP) of the government is necessary;

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



**RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved,** to appeal to the Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for priority and highly consideration under the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP) the dire need to reforest the denuded mountains along the Mt. Mantalingahan ranges in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, and the other four (4) towns composing the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) in the Province of Palawan;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that a copy of this resolution be furnished to Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), 2/F DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City; Municipal Mayors of Brooke's Point, Rizal, Bataraza, Quezon and Sofronio Espanola; MENROs of Brooke's Point, Rizal, Bataraza, Quezon and Sofronio Espanola Palawan; and Punong Barangays of Brooke's Point, Rizal, Bataraza, Quezon and Sofronio Espanola, for their information and appropriate action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

ATTESTED:

  
**LEONCIO N. OLA**

*Vice Governor & Presiding Officer*

  
**ANGELA R. PEÑA**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

APPROVED:


**V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES**

  
*Governor*

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Date

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Date Returned: <u>JUL 24 2024</u>
Deemed Approved Pursuant To Sec. 54 of the Local Gov't Code of 1991
 RAYMUNDO G. PADRONES JR. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ASST. DEPT. HEAD (ASST. SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN)