

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources

MIMAROPA REGION

PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

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September 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.

Ermita, Manila 1000

Attn

The Asst. Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

LETTER DATED AUGUST 12, 2022 FROM MS. NELIA C.

PEPIGA RE: RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022

Respectfully forwarded the letter dated August 12, 2022 of the Secretary to the Sangunnian of the Office of the Sanguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Araceli, Province of Palawan, Ms. Nelia C. Pepiga, together with the copy of Resolution No. 35-2022.

It is informed that receipt of the same letter was duly acknowledged by this office by way of sending letter dated September 27, 2022 to the writer, Ms. Nelia C. Pepiga conveying full support on the approved Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 35-2022 to classify into alienable and disposable the entire land area of the Municipality of Araceli, Province of Palawan.

For your information and further advice of action.

Copy Furnished:

Ms. Nelia C. Pepiga Secretary to the Sanggunian Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Araceli, Palawaan

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Ms. Nelia C. Pepiga Secretary to Sanggunian Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Araceli, Palawan

Dear Ma'am Pepiga,

Environmental greetings!

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 12, 2022 together with the attached copy of Resolution No. 35-2021 "RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS FOR ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE COVERING THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARACELI, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Araceli, Palawan.

Be informed that this office is in full support as to the urgency of your concern for classification of lands into alienable and disposable on the entire land area of the Municipality of Araceli, Province of Palawan.

Momentarily, this office is anticipating directive orders from our DENR higher up officials to take appropriate action on the matter.

Very truly yours,

FELIZARDO B. CAYATO

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Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF PALAWAN Municipality of Araceli OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

August 12, 2022



The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO)

PENRO Compound Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Sir/Madam:

Respectfully forwarded to your office the herein attached Resolution No. 25~2022, "RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS FOR ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE COVERING THE ENTIRE LAND AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARACELI, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN", of the Sangguniang Bayan of Araceli, Palawan adopted in its Regular Session held at the Session Hall, New Municipal Hall, Tinintinan, Araceli, Palawan on July 19, 2022 for your information, comments and appropriate favorable action.

Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN:

Segretary to the Sanggunian

WHEREAS, Dumaran Island comprising two (2) municipalities, Dumaran and Araceli is unclassified in status, and the areas subject to land classification for Araceli are presently occupied;

WHEREAS, the municipality of Araceli, Palawan was surveyed under Cadastral 564-D and Cadastral 993-D respectively pending approval subject to land classification, as per record available at the Office of Land Management Services of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources office (PENRO) of the Province of Palawan;

WHEREAS, through Administrative Order classification of time land to become alienable and disposable be granted without express amendments of Proclamation 219 such that Araceli, Palawan was not declared as wildlife reserved and thus stated below are classified as alienable and disposable lands; a) Cowrie Island of Puerto Princesa City composing of 3.5 hectares classified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Republic Act 9120 dated April 20, 2004; b) Portion of more or less 150 hectares as Barangay Tiniguiban and Barangay Sta. Monica, all of Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Republic Act No. 9145 dated July 30, 2001; c) Portion of Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order No. 44 dated August 31, 2004; d) Portion of Barangay Simpocan and Barangay Bagong Bayan, all of Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order No. 5 dated August 31, 2004; and portion of 512 hectares at Ransang, Rizal was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order 9322, dated August 8, 2004;

WHEREAS, the constituency of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan are presently suffering the consequence of delayed movement on their quest for the classification of lands in the Municipality, despite availability of applicable laws, coordinated Local Government Unit Resolutions and justification, thereby had been deprived of their legitimate rights of Land Ownership as provided by law such as: 1) Presidential Decree No. 410, dated March 17, 1974, declaring ancestral as Alienable and Disposable; 2) Department Administrative Order No. 02 Series of 1993, provide implementing rules and regulations in the Identification and recognition of ancestral land further defines ancestral land as any land regardless of land classification occupied, possessed and used by members of ICCS since time Immemorial up to the present; 3) Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8371 mandated March 29, 1997 (IPRA Law, declaring lands occupied by ICC's/IP's for at least 30 years are classified alienable and disposable area; 4) Republic Act No. 6657 (CARP Law of 1986, with primary objective of implementing land tenure improvement; 5) OP Memorandum Circular No. 33 dated November 28, 2002, identifying accelerated asset reform (land titling) as KALAHI strategy in poverty reduction; and 6) other related laws thereof;

WHREAS, to implement the effect of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and to reach out the grassroots level of the constituency of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan, in the delivery of services, it has been an advocacy of Local Government Unit legislation that all land in the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan, be classified and declared alienable and disposable for issuance of its corresponding titles considering that said lands had been occupied, cultivated, since time immemorial by the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICS's) Indigenous Peoples (IP's) of the locality and was heredity transferred from generations to generations;

NOW THEREFORE:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to reiterate the request to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Secretary to facilitate the classification of land and release it to be Alienable and Disposable covering the entire land area of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Executive Director of Region IV-B of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of the Province of Palawan, the Chief, Land Management Services of PENRO – Palawan, the Honorable Congressman Edgardo Villagracia Lim Salvame, 1st District of Palawan and other Government Institution concern for reference and proper guidance to expedite the implementation of this legislative measure.

ADOPTED, this 19th day of July 2022 on motion of Hon. Elvin G. Batiancila seconded by Hon. Lucibar A. Beronio, III.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

NELIA C. PEPIGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

ROMEO S. GANDOLA

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Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF PALAWAN Municipality of araceli

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ARACELI, PALAWAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, NEW MUNICIPAL HALL, TININTINAN, ARACELI, PALAWAN ON JULY 19, 2022.

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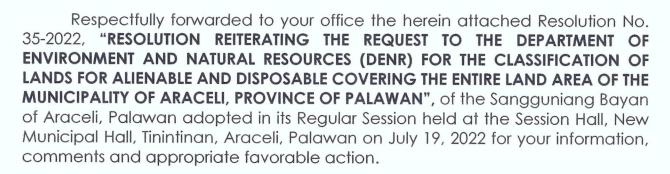
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