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January 13, 2023

**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 :** **LETTER DATED DECEMBER 27, 2022 RE: PROVINCIAL  
RESOLUTION NO. 17121, SERIES OF 2022**

Furnished herewith is the letter of the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated December 27, 2022 pertaining to the above-mentioned subject.

As such, provided hereunder are the copies of Provincial Resolution No. 17121, series of 2022.

For information and record.

  
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**MR. FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
DENR-MIMAROPA  
Barangay Santa Monica  
Puerto Princesa City

Sir:

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

Thank you.

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 13<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
44<sup>TH</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Rafael V. Ortega Jr.,	<i>Asst. Floor Leader – 3<sup>rd</sup> District</i>
Hon. Maria Angela V. Sabando,	<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. 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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:

**JUAN ANTONIO E. ALVAREZ**  
*Acting Presiding Officer*

APPROVED:

**V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES**  
*Governor*  
Date

*This document is not valid without Sangguniang Panlalawigan Seal.*

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