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May 2, 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 :** **PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 17734 SERIES OF 2023  
OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF PALAWAN**

Furnished is the letter dated April 19, 2023 together with Provincial Resolution No. 17734 series of 2023 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan entitled "*REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD, PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE AND ALL THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE RIVER ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM FOR FLOOD CONTROL, WATER USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.*"

For information and further instruction.

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

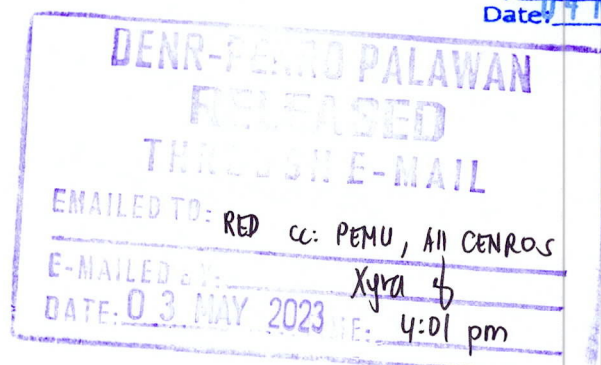
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**MR. FELIZARDO M. CAYATOC**

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Palawan

Barangay Sta. Monica

Puerto Princesa City

Sir:

We are forwarding herewith a copy each of Provincial Resolution Nos. 17734, and 17757, 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

**VPALAWAN**





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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
Puerto Princesa City

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
44<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD ON MARCH 7, 2023  
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>Sangguniang Panlalawigan 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. Maria Angela V. Sabando,	<i>S.P. Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District</i>
Hon. Nieves C. Rosento,	<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. Purita J. Seguritan,	<i>S.P. Member – IPM Representative</i>
Hon. Ferdinand P. Zaballa,	<i>S.P. Member – ABC Federation President</i>
Hon. Anyatika R. Rodriguez	<i>S.P. Member – SK Federation President</i>

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Al-Shariff W. Ibba,	<i>S.P. Member – PCL Federation President</i>
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**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 17734**  
Series of 2023

**REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES, PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD,  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE AND ALL THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
RIVER ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM FOR FLOOD CONTROL, WATER USE AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Authored by:

**HON. ARISTON D. ARZAGA**

Co-Authored by:

**HON. RYAN D. MAMINTA, HON. AL-NASHIER M. IBBA,**  
**HON. FERDINAND P. ZABALLA, HON. ANYATIKA R. RODRIGUEZ,**  
**HON. PURITA J. SEGURITAN, HON. MARIA ANGELA V. SABANDO**  
**HON. WINSTON G. ARZAGA, HON. ROSELLER S. PINEDA**  
**AND HON. NIEVES C. ROSENTO**

**WHEREAS**, Article 11, Section 16 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, rivers are the most important natural resources for human consumption and development. They provide ecosystem services such as fresh water sources for domestic and agriculture consumption, water regulation, primary production as well as transportation and recreation purposes;

**WHEREAS**, human activities gradually alter the inland water ecosystem and its catchments through land conversion, sand and gravel extraction and indiscriminate disposal of sewage, agricultural and industrial wastes to water bodies;

**WHEREAS**, the growing socio-economic activities and demands of increasing population for food and space have impacted the province's water resource. The province experiences water shortage especially during summer season;

**WHEREAS**, river basin in the province is susceptible to drought, flooding, earthquake-induced landslide, rain-induced landslide, soil erosion, storm surge alert, tropical cyclones, and tsunami;

**WHEREAS**, onslaught of typhoons and other extreme weather events due to climate change, as well as threats of landslides and other natural hazards, raise the need for an effective management of rivers as downpours may cause heavily silted rivers to overflow faster and flood surrounding areas. Landslides can send soil and rocks falling into heavily silted rivers, further reducing these waterways' water-carrying capacity and drainage;


**WHEREAS**, to deal with the problem of river flooding and increase resilience to climate change, local government units in the province of Palawan need to take a new approach to water management;

**WHEREAS**, rivers, if not planned, evaluated, and managed well, runs the risk of increasing environmental degradation and misuse of valuable resources such as sand and water that may lead to natural resources depletion;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a comprehensive development, utilization, conservation, and protection of water resources to address pollution, congestion and other problems plaguing rivers;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Honorable Ryan D. Maminta duly seconded, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to request the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Mining Regulatory Board, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and all the local government units for the establishment of a comprehensive river administration system for flood control, water use and environmental conservation in the province of Palawan;





**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Felizardo Cayatoc, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bgy. Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City; Mr. Jeremias Y. Alili, PGDH-Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office; Engr. Aireen L. Marcaida, OIC-Provincial Engineering Office; Engr. Raymundo E. Oclarit II, OIC-Provincial Equipment Pool Office; Mr. Richcristopher C. Magbanua, Program Manager, Mining and Quarrying Regulatory Program; 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 resolution.

  
**MARGIE G. ONDIONG**  
Board Secretary IV

ATTESTED:

  
**WINSTON G. ARZAGA**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Pro-Tempore

APPROVED:

  
**V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES**  
Governor  
  
APR 13, 2023  
Date

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