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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1ST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 21ST SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL HILLS, TELAJE, TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.

- Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

Hon. Ruel D. Momo
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

District II

Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Raul K. Salazar

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod

- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory
Representative (IPMR), Surigao del
Sur Chapter

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

- President, Philippine Councilors'
League, Surigao del Sur Chapter

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

- President, Provincial Chapter of the
Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

On Virtual Attendance:

Hon. Henrich M. Pimentel

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.

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Hon. Joey S. Pama

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Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.

- - do -

Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo

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Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

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The session started at **9:44** in the morning.

SECRETARY PEREZ II:

Respectfully requesting the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, staff and visitors to please rise.

NOTE: (Everybody stood up)

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The 1st Special Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan will please come to order.

SECRETARY PEREZ II:

To invoke God's presence in today's session, an invocation will be lead to us by Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon, which will be followed by the singing of the Pambansang Awit and the Surigao del Sur Hymn.

HON. AZARCON:

Let us bow our heads in prayer and feel the presence of our Lord.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, good morning. We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for Your protection and provision during the recent Tropical Storm Basyang. Thank You Lord for keeping us safe and for guiding us through turbulent times with Your love and mercy.

Heavenly God, before we start our 1st Special Session today, we praise and honor Your name. Forgive us Lord for all our trespasses. We acknowledge Your presence and guidance, Lord. We thank You Lord for giving us a chance to continue serving our constituents as legislators of the Province of Surigao del Sur.

God Almighty, as we begin the process of rebuilding and recovery, we ask for Your continued strength and guidance. Lord, we lift up those who have been deeply affected, those who lose homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. Comfort them with Your peace and help us to become instrument of Your mercy and hope. All these we ask in Jesus name, we pray, one God forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NOTE: (Everybody directed their attention to the widescreen and sung the Pambansang Awit and Surigao del Sur Hymn.)

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Our Secretary, kindly call the roll of Members.

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SECRETARY PEREZ II:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr.	-	Present
Hon. Ruel D. Momo	-	Present
Hon. Henrich M. Pimentel	-	Present (On Virtual Attendance)
Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.	-	Present (On Virtual Attendance)
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon	-	Present
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.	-	Here
Hon. Joey S. Pama	-	
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.	-	Present (On Virtual Attendance)
Hon. Margarita G. Garay	-	Present
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo	-	Present (On Virtual Attendance)
Hon. Raul K. Salazar	-	Present
Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod	-	Present
Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel	-	Present
Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno	-	Present
Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez	-	Present (On Virtual Attendance)

Honorable Presiding Officer, there are fourteen (14) Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members in attendance.

NOTE: (Hon. Joey S. Pama joined the zoomed session at 10:32 in the morning.)

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The Chair declares the existence of quorum.

SECRETARY PEREZ II:

Next, is the approval and adoption of the Order of Business of the 1st Special Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur dated February 9, 2026.

HON. AZARCON:

May I be recognized, Honorable Presiding Officer?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The Honorable Board Member, Atty. Tony Boy.

HON. AZARCON:

Thank you, Honorable Presiding Officer and good morning. Likewise, good morning to my distinguished colleagues here and about especially those who are on virtual and of course, the amazing staff of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and to our visitors today. The agenda for today, or Order of Business has been given to each Member, and I believe they have read the same. So, I now move for the approval and adoption of the Order of Business for today's Special Session.

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HON. GARAY, HON. MONTESCLAROS, JR. AND HON. GUNO:

We second the motion.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Is there any objection? Hearing none. Motion is approved.

SECRETARY PEREZ II:

For the **Calendar of Business**, we have only one (1).

The letter from Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this province addressed to the Honorable Members of the Provincial Council, thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr. Provincial Vice Governor/Presiding Officer, all of this Province dated February 9, 2026 dated February 9, 2026, requesting for the conduct of a Special Session in relation to Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRPMC) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2026, entitled "A Resolution Recommending to the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the Declaration of the Province of Surigao del Sur Under a State of Calamity Due to the Impact of Tropical Storm 'Basyang'". Further, the Honorable Governor has requested for the urgent passage of a Resolution Declaring the Province of Surigao del Sur Under a State of Calamity Due to Typhoon "Basyang", for the Body's information and appropriate action.

HON. AZARCON:

May I be recognized again, Honorable Presiding Officer?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The Honorable Board Member, Atty. Tony Boy is recognized.

HON. AZARCON:

Considering that the only agenda we have for today's Special Session is regarding the State of the Province after the Tropical Storm Basyang, it is but appropriate and proper that the entire Membership of this August Body be informed of the effect and result of the Tropical Storm Basyang that hit our Province badly. So, Honorable Presiding Officer, we are very fortunate and lucky today that we have in our presence the distinguished Provincial Administrator, the handsome and beautiful inside and outside. So, I would like the Honorable Presiding Officer to acknowledge and give the floor to our Provincial Administrator, Mr. John Vincent C. Pimentel, so that they can apprise us of any report coming from the respective LGUs after the Tropical Storm Basyang devastated our Province.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that, Atty. Tony Boy. In addition to that, this is being called, I mean, we have now the Special Session, the purpose of which is to declare the entire Province under the State of Calamity. As provided for under the Local Government Code as a pre-requisite before we could utilize our Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, particularly the Quick Response Fund or before any legislative measure we can pass and approve. Of course, our

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Provincial Governor's Office, and in view of which is with the presence of my idol, Provincial Administrator, John Vincent C. Pimentel, who will give us some information about the situation after the Typhoon Basyang, as the basis for us to make a declaration of Surigao del Sur under the State of Calamity. Therefore, the Chair would like to ask our Provincial Administrator, John Vincent C. Pimentel, you have the floor, Sir.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Thank you very much for that very warm and almost scintillating introduction. Allow me to reciprocate the hospitality. On behalf of your Local Chief Executive, the Honorable Governor, hashtag your working Governor, Jhonny T. Pimentel, many thanks for this opportunity to appraise the August Body, composed of a strong Honorable Board Members, and also equally my idol and crush in public service, Honorable Vice Governor Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., that deserves a round of applause, everybody.

At this moment, though, allow me to bring you, some alarming news. At 11:15 P.M. on February 5, 2026, Thursday, Surigao del Sur experienced a historic landfall of what we perceive as a harmless tropical depression. But in fact, although the wind speed of 75 kilometers per hour with gustiness of 90 kilometers per hour, seemed manageable, it brought with it an epic accumulated average of 200 millimeter of rain, more than twice what Surigao del Sur experienced in 2021 during Typhoon Auring. Consequently, with this heavy rainfall, nonstop for four to five hours since landfall, Tandag City, the capital and surrounding municipalities, namely, Tago, San Miguel, Bayabas, where the eye of the storm passed, Cortes, Lanuza, San Agustin, and parts of Barobo even in the Second District, were the worst hit. Although, we must assure you that all the nineteen (19) LGUs were adequately prepared by declaring earlier pre-emptive and eventually forced evacuation, this did not prevent the massive scale of damage displacing more than 89,000 families, to be exact, 89,816 families, equivalent to 336,670 individuals, in 249 barangays or 80% of our barangays being inundated by this heavy rainfall. In perspective, affected population equals 52% or more than half of our 642 population, as per 2020 PSA Census. As of the latest tallying, at 6:00 o' clock in the evening, yesterday, February 8, Sunday, 28% of 89,000, equivalent to 28,558 families, of 101,324 individuals, have been displaced, both inside and outside Evacuation Centers. 25,000 of whom, or 77,000 Surigaonons, had to evacuate into 461 identified Evacuation Centers. With the Municipality of Barobo registering the highest at 13,500, followed by the City of Tandag at 9,809 families, 87% of whom were forced to be inside Evacuation Centers, followed by San Miguel, considered a geographically isolated and disadvantaged area, with 9,800 families, followed by Tago, its neighboring town, with 9,500 families, and Carrascal and Cantilan were also not spared, with 8,860 families and 6,900 affected. Because of the congestion in Evacuation Centers, more than 6,000 families have opted to temporarily stay with their relatives, or even utilize private motor vehicles parked in higher altitudes in the province. But we were not remiss, we were able to provide priority treatment to our vulnerable sectors, namely: our Indigenous Peoples, brothers and sisters, registering the most vulnerable at 39% inside Evacuation Centers, followed by our pregnant women, 200 plus, or more than 500, I correct myself, Persons with Disabilities, even Solo Parents, and some unaccompanied minors. In terms of gender profile, we were able to scope more or less equal profiling, 50% male and 49.95% females. Adults mostly are the most affected, age 18 to 59 years old, followed by infants and children, composing 20%, teenagers at 8%, and our beloved Senior Citizens.

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With fast-rising floods and strong currents, the Province has recorded an alarming incidence of landslide, the most acute and noticeable of which, and the one that is most debilitating to our road network and highways, is the 8-kilometer stretch between Barangay Nurcia, Lanuza, to Catupgas, and the rest of Cortes National Road. But through our efforts, non-stop, day and night time operations, we'd like to thank the DPWH, and the dynamic efforts of the Provincial Engineering Office, under the leadership of Engr. Jun-Jun Cubero and Fleet, we were able to reduce that to 2 kilometers. But based on our latest assessment yesterday, it will still take at least 3 days, or even a week, granting favorable weather conditions. Sadly, because of that damage, 620 houses, at least the ones that are documented, have been damaged. 20% of that or 121, are totally damaged, while 80% or 495 have sustained partial damage, totaling P3.3 Million Pesos. In perspective again, your Honorable Board Members and Vice Governor, this is just estimation, it can go more or higher. Also because of that, besides the 8 kilometer stretch, a total of P200 Million Pesos, consisting of 20 critical roads and bridges under provincial jurisdiction, have been damaged and rendered passable but thankfully, because of our efforts, and through the directive of Governor Jhonny, the Action Man, we were able to reduce and clear the passage of half of that. But I'd like to note, Barangay Poblacion, Purok 6 a Bridge, a 40-year-old Bridge, sadly also with some design flaws, or probably it's too old and dilapidated, severed from the mainland of Barangay Poblacion, Cortes. But because of our attention, and dynamic collaboration with the Local Government, we thank Mayor Eric Yu, and the entire Disaster Council. As of yesterday, we were able to connect through timber bridging. So right now, light vehicles and motorcycles and people can pass through. But again, we cannot anticipate so much the exigencies of meteorological activities, so we need your help in declaring the State of Calamities. Allow me to proceed. Besides our critical roads and bridges and transport infrastructure, almost all lifelines are also compromised, toppling down electrical lines that have already incurred P750,000.00 worth of repairs, causing power outages in six (6) Municipalities in Cagwait, Cantilan, Carrascal, Marihatag, San Miguel and Tago. Contaminating and breaking down and compromising water quality in Barobo and the City of Tandag with P110,000.00 worth of needed rehabilitation. Most critically, compromising the structural integrity of our Sea Dikes and Sea Walls that protect our communities, especially coastal communities from storm surges. In Bayabas, P38 Million Pesos of damages have been documented. In Carmen, P20 Million Pesos and Lingig, P25 Million Pesos, all of which are valued at P83 Million Pesos. This Typhoon Basyang sadly weakened school buildings, although most have survived, but some demand P12 Million Pesos worth in repairs, specifically in the whole of Tandag City, Barangay Calatgan of San Miguel that needs almost P4 Million Pesos and Salvacion Elementary School in San Agustin that require P5.5 Million Pesos.

We also need to make sure that some of the devastated government facilities in Tandag City, which is our Capital City and the seat of power, require a Million Pesos for a staggering total of P816 Million Pesos worth of damage within a 36 to 72 hour period. Never before seen, I would argue, Honorable Officials, and the badly hit, the most severely hit, is the livelihood of our people. We sadly documented almost P590 Million Pesos worth of high value crops, including rice, advanced machineries, infrastructure such as irrigation, and a high concentration of damage, specifically in Tandag City, P144 Million Pesos.

Relatedly, our Fishery Sectors have sustained almost equal amount of damages rivaling a typhoon, a ring of P50 Million Pesos, pump boats, fish nets, Norwegian fish cages, so on and so forth. Overall, I regret to inform the Body that we have sustained damages across the Province, of more than P1.4 Billion Pesos, and this can go up, we anticipate, to almost P2 Billion Pesos once the roads are cleared and our communities are properly assessed fully, 100% of their damages. Allow me to inform the Body as well, that because of this urgency, within 24 hours,

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we were able to transmit to the Office of the President, and currently, the reason why your good Governor is unable to deliver this statement is he is currently escorted by the Office of the Civil Defense for their own rapid damage assessment from the National Government.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is historic. One study shows that Surigao del Sur sustained what is considered a hundred years of rainfall levels, within less than 24 hours, the red warning prompted the highest in the scale of disaster response, within 4 to 5 hours. As of the moment also, we have pre-positioned 4,000 food packs care of the DSWD Region, per Municipality, but we know this is not sufficient. So the DSWD Region, as of 1:00 P.M. on Feb 7, Saturday, were able to deploy and arrive in badly hit areas. But as of the moment, we call on donations and open calls for resources that the Provincial Government is quite stretched out. Cortes, I was in talks with Mayor Eric, is in need of 20 hose at a temporary pumping facility in its 12 barangays. Nurcia, I was told by Mayor Jerry, needs reinforcement. We are currently lobbying with the Provincial Director's Office of the DILG to lift the aerial rescue restrictions in the aftermath of the Loreto helicopter accident. We believe that since the two-kilometer stretch will still require days and nights of operations, perhaps the aerial rescue can help us fast track and swift delivery of our food packs distribution. Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to be blunt, this is unprecedented. But let's convert this crisis to an opportunity to contemplate on our policies. Number one on the list, the Office of the Governor through the PADMO and the Land Use Committee, wish for your support in advocating for stronger enforcement and conscientious implementation of our Comprehensive Land Use Plans across all nineteen (19) LGUs. We have sustained two (2) casualties, one injury. A 10-year-old who was just playing in their house right across a landslide area unfortunately did not make it that an arrival after being rescued swiftly because of multiple brain trauma and asphyxiation only because their house is in a no-build zone. A 53-year-old woman was swept away during evacuation because their house is in an unidentified low-lying area considered hazardous. We understand the complexities of politics. We know that political leaders need to please their constituents. But hopefully, not at the expense of lives that perish. There's a reason these plans are in place. Another is also the kind of greenery and forestry that we plant. Upon surveying, much of the toppled lines were caused by toppled falcatas. So we need data and scientific approach in our Development Plans, *mas kinahanglan po nan mga* planted species *nga mukabot ug mu-hold down nan roots*, that was the case in Lanuza. But allow me to qualify, it's not mining. Still, ladies and gentlemen, the Provincial Government will work tirelessly, we have direct orders, to provide assistance to those victims and immediate stakeholders affected, P20,000.00 will be given to the bereaved family of our two (2) victims of landslide and flash floods and P10,000.00 each will be given to the owners of the 121 partially damaged and another P5,000.00 each will be given to the 495 household owners that were partially damaged.

Again, as a Coordinating Focal in this three-day, four-day crisis, I call upon you, our Legal Administrative Luminaries, to help us in recalibrating not just our policies but our mindset when it comes to disaster preparedness. We could no longer stop the force of nature, we must accept the imminent. We must adapt to our climate crisis. There's a pattern emerging, Vice Governor every December or late November to the end of February, we are in receipt of these highly damaging disasters, whether they're meteorological in nature like typhoons or shearlines or land-based like earthquake. So I hope we take time also to convince our friends in political offices to take heed of this call. Our Evacuation Centers no less require upgrading and refurbishment. Maybe this will encourage everyone to comply 100% with forced evacuation. We could say more but in the interest of time, I believe that our Office and the Office of the Governor has adequately established the rationale and justification for declaring our immediate

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and urgent State of Calamity. Thank you for your time and *Mabuhay po ang Surigaonon maski na yaun sa disgrasya ug kalamidad.*

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you very much, to our Provincial Administrator.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Sorry to intercept Mr. Chair. To visualize the extent of damage we would like to show you a quick Aerial Drone Survey of the 8 km stretch that we mentioned in Lanuza, Nurcia and Cortes Junction. Please divert your attention on the screen. Thank you, Vice Governor.

NOTE: (Showing the video on the screen.)

Mr. Chair, just a rejoinder.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, go ahead, please, Sir Bungoy.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

So, at the moment, we have deployed augmentation for the DPWH. Allow me to just load it up *po*. So, for the information of the Body, we have device clustering method for deployment of Fleet. So, in preparation, we were able to send out four (4) clusters. So, after the earlier preventive clearing in Lianga, the Fleet went to the Nurcia site *po*. Allow me to enumerate. So, in Catupgas and Nurcia Road Section, Governor himself directed one (1) Loader, one (1) Backhoe, one (1) Grader, two (2) Dump Trucks and two (2) Backhoes, two (2) Loaders and three (3) Dump Trucks from both sides. In Panubigan Water Pipeline, upon the directive of Governor also we assisted the Tandag City Water District in reconnecting the bursted pipe along Panubigan. That's why some of the areas now have restored water. So, thanks to our Provincial Government's proactive efforts. In Poblacion Purok 6-A, like I mentioned, we also sent out reinforcements. So many more and we still gathering information but I reiterate, Mr. Chair and the August Body that we are in the State of Calamity undeniably. With your indulgence, we submit this for your urgent action. I am ready for some questions, if there are any, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The Chair is open for any inquiry, any question?

Yes, Board Member, Jimmy I. Guinsod.

HON. GUINSOD:

Thank you, Honorable Chair. *Ako lang ipangutana kan Sir Administrator nato nga gwapo, kibale if ever Sir kadtong mga far flung areas especially in our Ancestral Domain areas nga kadtung uban wala pa gyud intawon makalusot, wa pa makahimo sa mga reports to the MDRMO, okay pa siya nga ma include gihapon for the Province of Surigao del Sur?*

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MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes *po*, Mr. Chair and Board Jimmy. This is not yet a terminal report, it is an on-going consolidation most notably the likes of Cortes and San Miguel and even Lanuza are still consolidating their directly isolated areas. *Kasi po ang nangyari, ang nahitabo po* Board *kay* immediately *pagbugso sa* landslide, cut off *po ang atong* communications and all fronts including *sa* power lines and telecommunication. *Mao nang pag-ingon ni* Gov, Bong *kinahanglan, nag-ingon ko*, we need to augment our Fleet of rescue operations *kay karon, delikado pud pag mag-pumpboat lamang ang* individual efforts *po*, Bokal, *kay balud, usahay*. So we need advanced Speed Boats. We also need really a helicopter at our disposal, although there is restriction, but it's easy to lobby for lifting of restriction *po*.

Safe to say, and I hate to be the bearer of bad news, we are in dire need of ramping up, Mr. Chair, our equipment and infrastructure in disaster preparedness. *Labi na po sa atong mga* dearest Indigenous People *sa* hinterlands. *Kay kung naay aerial po, mas dali pag-clearing sa* *kalangitan, mas dali po ma unsa*.

Regarding *po sa* food packs, we have direct orders from Governor to procure today, urgently, 10,000 packs in support of badly hit. So, *dili sa ta mu-diretso sa* 89,000, because we have limited QRF, *didto sa ta sa* badly hit *po*, because per mandate, augmentation *ra ang* *probinsya, pero* we will include that *po*. We will ask your help, Datu in identifying those areas, *kay ang amoang* Municipal Social Welfare and Municipal Disaster stretch out *gyud sila po sa* field work. Thank you.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Mr. Chair?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes. Go ahead, Board Member Cañedo.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, for recognizing. Good morning, everyone, especially to the Members of this August Body and to our Provincial Administrator, Sir Bong Pimentel. Sir Bong, I just want to emphasize that the said Tropical Depression or Typhoon was being detected by the PAG-ASA Radar Station in Hinatuan. In fact, the Municipality of Hinatuan was being identified that *naa sa lungsod sa* Hinatuan *ang dako nga* probability *adtong panahuna nga* *maigo sa* typhoon or Tropical Depression. But when the typhoon landed, we were surprise that we haven't really experience a huge flack of rains in the Municipality of Hinatuan especially to the southern part of the Municipalities in the Second District. So, I think because of this incident or experience of this typhoon in our province, I think this is the high time for us to do an extensive study or feasibility study if there is a need of adding or requesting in addition of new Radar Towers in our northern part of the Province of Surigao del Sur or maybe we could locate this in Carrascal, or maybe Cantilan, or maybe Madrid so that we would be able to get the most accurate information of the weather condition in our Region. Because again, we are facing the Pacific and we are the province which is most *ingon pa, kita ang pinaka sentro sa* Bagyo once *musulod na sa* Philippine Area of Responsibility. So, again, Sir Bong, if your team or the Provincial Governor's Office would be able to conduct an immediate study or urge the Office of

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PDRRM to maybe craft a plan or study, that we would be able to submit this to the National Government to ask for an assistance in establishing of new Towers in the First District.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Mr. Chair, may I respond?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Go ahead, please, Sir Bong.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Thank you very much, Board Ton-ton, who helps from the very site of PAG-ASA Station, Hinatuan. We heed your concern, *po*. Definitely, this is a stark, the sudden shift in trajectory is a stark reminder that even modern technology, past technology, in anticipating the trajectory of typhoons also fail or at least there are gaps and caveats. *Naa poy limitasyon gihapon ang atong* weather forecasting. Definitely, Board Ton, we will also include this in our Action Plan. We have drafted an Action Plan already as early as Friday on ways forward. Besides the CLUP enforcement and the DENR coordination for forestry management, yes, procurement of modern technology can really help us. As of the moment, I consulted with our Technical Team at PDRMO. Sixteen of our nineteen Municipalities are coastal. So, the frequency of rainfall, *po*, still lies in those areas. Notably, CarCanMadCarLan still continues to be a hazard area owing to the cliff side. Of course, Hinatuan in the Second District *kay grabe ang* low-lying *sa* coastal communities. So, sixteen out of nineteen, if you do the math, virtually all is not spared. So, yes, Board, we will definitely include this in our Scientific Study. It may take time, *po*, since what we are gunning for, what we're targeting is a five-year data set, or maybe even a ten-year data set, with baseline and references with Typhoon Auring and other big meteorological disturbances like Super Typhoon Pablo. We might have to go back until 2012. *Pero*, going back, *po*, yes, Mr. Chair, we will include this, *po*, in our recommendation.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Thank you very much, Sir Bong. And a follow-up question, Mr. Chair, if I may?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

After Board Member Ton-ton, Board Member John Paul.

Board Member Ton-ton, go ahead, please.

HON. CAÑEDO:

As for a follow-up question to Sir Bong, I just want to ask Sir Bong if we have gotten any assistance from the National Government in terms of needs of the funding for the said incident in the Province of Surigao del Sur?

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MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

As of the moment, we have yet to verify the actual amount but as early as 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, February 6, Friday, within less than 24 hours, the Office of the President has issued their commitment. The other Cabinet Secretaries as well, like Secretary Galvez, also has reached out and scoped for immediate needs including infrastructural support, like the rescue vehicles. But it's again contingent on the PDRRMC, our team to come up with a list urgently because Secretary Galvez is awaiting that. We have also communicated through Superintendent of Surigao del Sur, Lorenzo Macasucol, Memorandum of Agreement, sorry, a commitment for collaboration for repairs, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of our schools. So we have sent that also yesterday, *kay ang* deadline is today. So we are in constant coordination, Mr. Chair, and the whole Body. We are just validating *po* the whole amount. We call on our National Government, especially His Excellency President BBM, *nga base po ma-cover ang* full amount of damage. But again, to manage expectation, we will await *po* the Office of the President's issuance and declaration *kung* how much.

As reference, in the last October 10 earthquake, the Office of the President extended donation in the amount of between P5 Million Pesos for partially hit and damaged LGUs to as much as P10 Million Pesos for severely damaged per LGU. So we are hoping the Office of the President can send in more *po*. We ask for your prayers as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Thank you very much, Sir Bong.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay. Now, may we recognize Board Member John Paul.

HON. J.P. PIMENTEL:

Thank you so much, Honorable Vice Governor. Previously, we talked about this with Hon. Cañedo, and he mentioned, and I agree with him, District II is at least 100 kilometers from the center of Surigao del Sur, which is the Capital, which is Tandag City. So it was suggested, if you remember, Hon. Cañedo, that if we can have a sort of Satellite Office of PDRRM in District II, so it will be faster in terms of response time *kay* of course, Tandag is the Capital, we are District I but what if there will be a hit in District II *simbako*. If there is a Satellite Office of PDRRM there, it's better, for the response time. So, again, this is just a suggestion, you might want to study it since this is a sort of mini-meeting with the Provincial Administrator. I hope you can consider our suggestion. So that is all, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that question. Any reply from our visitor?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes, to my hashtag brother in service, equally handsome. Definitely, Mr. Chair and Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel. In fact, we have explored and floated this idea. It's a matter of recalibrating and reincorporating it in our Six-Year Development Plan. For the information of the

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Body, we actually have a Six-Year Development Plan in the last administration. As a matter of fact, we still have yet to fully implement it. So our 5% Development Fund, Governor has agreed and given a go signal to sit down with the entire PDRRMC to recalibrate *po*. I have talked to Sir Lot Garrido and *mayron pa pong sa* pipeline of projects team that we have to check. We cannot promise that this can be erected and constructed right away, but perhaps we can do so creatively, Mr. Chair or Vice Gov through designation of offices *kay medyo mahal pa man gud ang magbutang or tukod ug* Satellite Office. But we can also write perhaps to the National Secretariat *sa* NDRRMC or NDRRMO but our current best practice is the Provincial Engineering Office wherein Engr. Cubero clusterize into four, all nineteen (19) *para* one Fleet can respond to three to four Municipalities. Allow me to remind the Body, geo-politically vast *po ang* Surigao del Sur, we have a 5,000-kilometer expanse and *ang* distance *po* per municipality, *muabot ug* one (1) hour. So that's a total of 20 to 30 kilometers far in between. So we will explore this, Mr. Chair, no promises but we are open to recalibrating our Six-Year Development Plan. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

The Chair would like to inform each and every one of us that with us this morning in this Special Session are our fellow Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in District II, namely: Board Member Ricky Sayawan, Board Member Joey S. Pama, Board Member Ton-ton Cañedo. We also have Board Member Henrich M. Pimentel in District I, Board Member Yuri Sanchez, and the Chairman of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, no less than the Honorable Board Member, Atty. Jun-Jun Dumagan. So by this, we are almost 100% present.

Okay. Now, the Chair recognizes the Honorable Board Member, Atty. Tony Boy.

HON. AZARCON:

Thank you, Honorable Presiding Officer. I just want to be clarified with the result of the Tropical Storm Basyang. I heard from our Provincial Administrator that there were two deaths. Is this the final or you are still expecting some other reports?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

There is a verbal report that reached our Office of a person allegedly who passed away because of a cobra snake bite in Bioto, but we are still establishing the facts because we don't want to base it on hearsay. We are awaiting the death certificate, Mr. Chair and Board Azarcon. Again, we are not precluding the probability that there may be some deaths in the 23 landslides *po*. That's why we are lobbying with the National Government to provide air support and water-based rescue vehicles *po* but we are hoping that the worst has passed. We will also need to verify the snake bite incident because there has been sightings at night time *kadtong naa pa sa* 1.6 meters *ang* floods of slithering creatures down.

HON. AZARCON:

So related *sa* storm?

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MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes, *po*.

HON. AZARCON:

In terms of damages, Honorable Presiding Officer, I heard also that there was an estimate reported to us P1.4 Billion Pesos. Now, I went to that report, I saw the actual report would be about P900 Million. So, is this P1.4 Billion Pesos, would be the final estimate or there would be still more to be coming in as we collate reports?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

There could be more, Mr. Chair. Most specifically, we are still awaiting the final damage assessment from the Office of the Civil Defense National Office. They are currently with Sir Lot Garrido, our Acting PDRRMO Chief, and they might intercept or interact with Governor Johnny himself. Our immediate goal *po talaga* is to clear the 8-kilometer stretch of landslide we have shown you because we are really suspecting *nga naa pay* residents *didto sa baba, sa* cliffside. *Ang* P1.4 Billion Pesos *po* is an updated, consolidated report as of 6:00 P.M., February 8, Sunday, yesterday.

HON. AZARCON:

Is this a Comprehensive Report that would include public structures and private structures?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes, Mr. Chair. But we'd like to note or qualify that in terms of private structures, there are current limitations *kasi* we also sympathize with the households that were totally damaged. *Kay* in their shock, *dili sila dayon maka-report* and that's number one. Number two factor is because of the speed of response *nang* National Government, we don't want to lay blame *pero ang tendency po* is *mag-ingon sila nga nag-report naman kadtong niaging kalamidad, pero wala may gihapon muabot*. So, *dili na lang mi kay ma-stress lang pud daw sila*. But we are really suspecting this could exponentially increase if we can convince the public to do their own estimation *kay daghan pud naguba nga mga appliances and furniture ang uban* back to zero *po*. So, *sa* private sector *po*, we must qualify *nga posible po siya mutaas*.

HON. AZARCON:

There will be more. In fact, just for the information of everybody Villa Azarcon was badly hit, damage could rise to about P5 to P10 Million Pesos. Anyway, as I said, we focus on the private sector, particularly those related to tourism because this will badly affect our tourism industry.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Mr. Chairman, I have a rejoinder.

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HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, go ahead, please.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Actually, we have coordinated with the Provincial Tourism Officer, Ma'am Mek Cruz-Chan. Before, the tourism enterprises were very cooperative, that was established in providing estimates *kasi* they're business people, good with numbers. But we have heard an overwhelming consensus, *kay mag-ingon sila* Ma'am Mek *dili na mi mag-hatag kay sige lamang mi i-bypass* because they think, since we are entrepreneurs, we have a lot of capital. So, *karun, ang tendency po sa* tourism, *di nalang mag-hatag ug* estimate and perhaps, this is a wake-up call to our donors, if this reaches their doorstep, *nga* please also include those business owners who are reeling from capital investments. *Kay naa man gud* assumption, *kapag tag-iya ka sa* resort, *sapian ka*. So, *mao na karon, naglisod si* Ma'am Mek *pero*, what we were able to gather is, besides *sa* Villa Azarcon, *sa* Hubason *po* almost P20 Million Pesos, we are going to coordinate with the LGU Tourism Officer in Cagwait and Enchanted River *kay kini po* our public tourism enterprises.

HON. AZARCON:

Including Alameda Farm.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes, Mr. Chair. So, with your indulgence, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

And Villa Azarcon Resort.

HON. AZARCON:

That will be all, Honorable Presiding Officer.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that, Board Member Azarcon. The Chair also recognizes the presence of our guests from PDRMO. They are Mr. Francis Efren Rivas and Ma'am Nevis Hibaya.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Mr. Chair, may I be recognized?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, Board Member Ton-ton.

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HON. CAÑEDO:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. So, this is in relation to the suggestion of Board Member John Paul C. Pimentel. Actually, yes, it was true that we had a discussion of this during my first term, I think that was his second term as an Ex-Officio Board Member regarding on the possible establishment of the Satellite Office or the Office of the PDRRMO in the Second District. Because considering the distance of the different Municipalities in the Second District, *dili siya parehas*, Honorable Chair *sa* First District *magduol lang* is only 5 to 10 but in Second District, we need to travel 20 to 30 kilometers to reach the next nearby or neighboring Municipalities. Sometimes if there are calamities that occurs in the Second District, sometimes people would wonder or question us, *nga hain ang support nan* Provincial Government? So, I think this is a high time for us also to consider to conduct a study and urging the Provincial Administrator to also consider this opinion. That would be all, Mr. Chair.

HON. J.V. PIMENTEL:

May I respond, Mr. Chair?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, any reply, Mr. Bong?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Again, the recommendation is long-term in nature so we acknowledge that and we gladly welcome it, Mr. Chair. As of the moment, as a palliative and temporary band-aid solution, allow us to inform the Body that usually for rescue operations, we send out our Fleet in the Provincial Engineer's Office but this is also not enough to my colleagues in the Disaster Council because sometimes the dump trucks are too high for some vulnerable sectors like Senior Citizens, Pregnant Women, thereby, endangering lives even more. So, it's in the suitability and the type of rescue vehicles and we admit, Mr. Chair, *kinahanglan pa namo* mag-procure and we need greater funding. So, in the long run, *mao nang grabe pud ang effort sa* Governor's Office to attract bigger investors *kay dili ta maka-depend karon sa* IRA *kay 5% ra man* of IRA o Development Fund, *ang atua* is we need to have more Tax Revenues so that we can reallocate for the Development Fund *kay lisud pud kung mag-depend ta sa* National extension *sa* budget, *kay* it will take procedures. But in the meantime *po*, we will still implement that Clustering System, to my colleagues, Clustering System. But yes *po*, we really acknowledge the severe need, the critical need for a Satellite Office.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, now the Chair recognizes the Honorable Board Member, Ricky Sayawan.

HON. SAYAWAN, SR.:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning to each and every one of us especially to the most handsome Presiding Officer of the country today together with our Provincial Administrator. One of my concerns was answered that the representative coming from PDRRMO was there. Then, may I ask also if the Provincial Finance Committee are present now in the Session Hall, Mr. Chair?

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MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Mr. Chair, they are in their post at the moment, but yes, they should be here. But allow me to be the channel and conduit, Mr. Chair, with your indulgence to relay any concerns to the Financial Cluster.

HON. SAYAWAN, SR.:

Because, Mr. Chair, although the Provincial Administrator is enough, but they should be around, Mr. Chair because there are some questions that will be asked especially on the QRF or the Quick Response Fund that we have for the year 2026, and what about for 2025? Do we still have remaining, then how much would accommodate accumulating the QRF coming from 2025 to 2026, and how much are we going to spend? Then, another is for the 70%, which should be planned by the PDRPMC. Then some of the Members of the Provincial Council are also Members of the PDRRM Council. Like this humble representation, Board Member Tony Boy Azarcon and of course, the Chairman of the Committee on Disaster Preparedness, Board Member Dumagan. So in that sense, Mr. Presiding Officer, if the Local Finance Committee or the Provincial Finance Committee, particularly the Budget Office or the Accounting Office, can give us the data or the figure, not only on the data on the extent of damages, but also on the remaining amount that we have. Although this session is intended for the declaration of the State of Calamity for the entire Province, but we should also know the financial aspect of how much are we going to spend for this QRF.

Then second, Mr. Chair, is the concern as I mentioned about the 70%, which is the Prevention, Mitigation and Control that should be planned by the Council. Since this is the right time, after, of course, the Quick Response is the Planning. Planning for the 2026 Prevention, Mitigation and Control, which is 70% of our total Disaster Fund and then it is the right time because this is the First Quarter and we should be planning now for the year 2027. Then we will also revisit our 70% Mitigation, Prevention and Control Fund on its utilization or the Plan for the 2026 and then plus the 2027. Because we all know that it was mentioned by the Provincial Governor that there was a comment coming from the COA on its utilization. So the Council, as I mentioned, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, which includes some of the Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan should meet now for the First Quarter. It's the call of the Provincial Governor through the Provincial Administrator. But in reporting for the situation such as this situation, the Provincial Finance Committee should also be present and the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office. That's my concern, Mr. Chair.

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HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

Mr. Chair, if I may?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that, Board Member Ricky. Before Sir Bong answers the concern of the issues raised by Board Member Ricky, may we hear from the Chairman of the Committee, Atty. Jun-Jun, please.



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HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. To our Presiding Officer, the Honorable Vice Governor, Mangi Alameda, Sr., thank you, Sir. Fellow Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sir Bong, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good morning. I subscribe to the views and opinion of the gentleman from the 2nd District that the QRF Funds should be discussed to the identification and utilization and all the details. However, what is immediate and what is needed for today is the passage of the Resolution of the declaration of the State of Calamity. If the good gentleman from the 2nd District, Hon. Sayawan, and the other Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan would allow, I would respectfully suggest that maybe in tomorrow's session, the details on how the Quick Response Fund, the participation in the identification and utilization of the same should be discussed tomorrow and it may be suggested to the Office of the Provincial Governor for the details and it may be done as early as possible. But if there are no more other questions and no more clarifications as to the points earlier discussed by the Provincial Administrator, I think it is incumbent upon us to pass the needed Resolution because it has to be transmitted to the National Government. I respectfully pray, Mr. Presiding Officer.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Thank you for that, Board Member Jun-Jun.

HON. SAYAWAN, SR.:

Before that, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay. Any reply, Board Member Sayawan?

HON. SAYAWAN, SR.:

Yes, Mr. Chair. I am in consonant with Hon. Dumagan that we will immediately declare but on the planning stage, Mr. Chair, if the Provincial Finance Committee cannot make it tomorrow on the reporting, may I suggest for the Provincial Administrator that we will set immediately within a week or next week a Meeting for the PDRPMC to discuss this matter so that it could be ironed out. And of course, we can also participate in the planning and other discussions such as the disbursement of funds, Mr. Presiding Officer. Thank you.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Now, may we hear from Sir Bong?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for those questions. I've been waiting for that, it opened doors to actual, to much needed scrutiny. Just to assure the Body, we have an existing P45 Million Pesos for the Quick Response Fund that comprises 30% of the P150 Million Pesos which in turn comprises 5% of our Development Fund. For the P45 Million Pesos *po*, there we have an allocation, but in brevity, for the interest of brevity and conciseness, we are implementing what we call a Retention Policy *para di siya mahurot*. So, if you divide P45 Million Pesos per month,

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that's only about P3,075,000 for Quick Response, not enough. *Mao nang dapat* augmentation *lang ta*. But at the moment, badly hit *man gyud*, so we are about to allocate ceiling *po ng* P5 Million Pesos. What we're doing now to make use *para po sa* value of fiscal money, *naga-*market scoping *po mi sa* supplier *sa bugas nga barato gyud*. So, we're pushing for that and *sa* Bids and Awards Committee, since this is a State of Calamity already, we can bypass *naman po* the bidding for this. *Nganong gina-mention nako ang* procurement because *dira pud ta maka* cost cutting. *Kay karon po ang* P45 Million Pesos, we do not intend, the Council does not intend to consume everything in one go. *Kay* in the three months *po*, one *pa lang ni*, *naa pay* Tropical Depression, God forbid, *basig muabot*, we have 11 months, 10 months to go. So, we need to be like heeding the concern of Board Sayawan we need to be very austere. But for the 70%, *po*, we can assure you *nga naa pud tay plano*. But again, like I said, skipping the details, it still needs refinement and recalibration *labi na* with the updated information and intelligence that we've gathered because of this heavy rainfall. So, we can present it this week. Allow us *lang po* to procure the immediate relief packs *mao po ang* priority *ni* Gov. So, by estimate, we might have to expend or use at least, at most, P3 Million to P4 Million Pesos of the Quarterly Allocation of P5 Million Pesos. *Naa pud mi* Retention Policy to assure you, *mga* Board Members, *di namo hutdon*. But, yes, we agree, we need to sit down *po*. Thank you very much.

HON. SAYAWAN, SR.:

Mr. Chair, can we ask the Provincial Administrator if we can set this as soon as possible time, the Meeting of the PDRRMC?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Yes, this afternoon, after our Procurement Conference with MIADTI, *kasi meron po* *kaming* MIADTI for the FMR *ng* Provincial Government, we plan to set it at 5:00 P.M., if that's okay with you, we can send you a link so you can participate. So you're also appraised of the current relief efforts and we can provide substantial amount of time *sa* other matters for the planning and scrutiny of the remaining 70%.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay. Now, before we finally pass a Resolution declaring the entire Province under the State of Calamity, the Chair would like to ask this question, Sir Bong. Now, since the cities including the municipalities have these proprietary functions to address disaster victims, so with the Provincial Government, do we have the established arrangement on how are we going to deal with or to address with this situation? Both the lower LGUs and the Provincial Government have this Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund or Funds for that matter. Have you established any arrangement?

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

In terms of written arrangement, I believe we still have to check on that. But what we're doing now is implementing the mandate for Disaster Response. So, *sa* QRF, they were requested by the Honorable Mayors but we can probably request their allocation and their plan on how to allocate. *Kay karon po*, *ang* principle *ni* Gov. Jhonny is allow them self-autonomy and *sa* provincial augmentation of where we can. *Ang amo po ginabuhay karon*, Mr. Chair, is at least *sa* food packs and relief and access to water, we allow them first to make the first encounter and the first batch of assistance *kay* that is provided in the law in concurrence also with the Local

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Government Code of 1991 and other existing laws and Memorandum Circulars and then *pag dili na po nila kaya*, that's where we augment. *Human na po ang atong* rescue operations technically, *kay na-account na* more or less *pero ginagmay na lang po siguro* like the Nurcia. So *ang focus na po karon sa* disaster response is food pack and relief operations. So *mao po ang amoang* arrangement, Mr. Chair, that we allow them first to consume their prepositioned food packs and then if ever they are in need, *ang role po sa* relief is augmentation *sa* food packs and water and then support *lang po sa* infrastructure *kay naa man pud mga* Municipal Engineers *ang* LGUs and City Engineers. So nevertheless, we take time to discern and to be flexible in that arrangement. *Dili po na blanket usahay* case-to-case basis, Mr. Chair. Case in point, in Tandag City, *nagkulang ang ilang* rescue vehicles, so *nagpadala mi ug usa ka-fleet kay ang ilang* 28 vehicles *wala dayon nakabalik*. That's just one example on how we deal and coordinate *po*. But again, we follow the protocol set by the laws.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay, thank you for that.

Now, are there any other...

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

Mr. Chair, if I may?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, Board Member, Atty. Jun-Jun.

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

If there are no more points to be clarified with the representative of the Provincial Governor, I would like to earnestly request that we proceed with the passage of the much-needed Resolution.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay, proceed.

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

With this, Honorable Presiding Officer, I would like to earnestly request that we pass a Resolution declaring the Province of Surigao del Sur in a State of Calamity.

Whereas, according to the DOST PAG-ASA Reports, Bagyong Basyang made a landfall at exactly 11:50 in the evening over the coastal Municipality of Bayabas last February 5, 2026, with maximum sustained wind speed of 75 kilometers per hour.

Whereas, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council passed a Resolution earnestly requesting the Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to pass a Resolution declaring the entire Province of Surigao del Sur in a State of Calamity.

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Whereas, Memorandum No. 60, Series of 2019 of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council states that at least 15% of the forecasted affected population based on science-based projection are in need of emergency assistance, and at least 30% of the means of livelihood of agricultural, business, and industrial sectors are affected, city, municipality, province, on that matter, or region, may declare under a state of calamity when any of the following conditions brought about by natural and or human-induced disasters are present.

Whereas, based on the initial and partial situational report from the PDRRMO, heavy floods affected densely populated, low-lying residential and commercial areas in the nineteen (19) Local Governments Units of Surigao del Sur, the most affected of which are remote barangays near the overflowing rivers and streams that experience floods up to 1.6 meters. Consequently, Typhoon Basyang has affected approximately at the lowest estimation 73,682 people or 292,886 individuals living in the 299 barangays which is equivalent to 45.62 of the total population.

Whereas, the fast-rising floods coupled with strong currents, the province has recorded an alarming incidence of landslides and soil erosion blocking road sections critical for mobility of commuters, motorists, commercial trucks, and vehicles in the Municipalities of Cantilan, Madrid, Lanuza, Cortes, Tandag City, Tago, San Miguel and Bayabas due to falling trees and thick deposits of mud and debris.

Whereas, 434 houses have been damaged as of the last estimation and 37 of which are totally damaged and damage to provincial roads estimated to around P211 Million Pesos and P100 Million Pesos which is the damage to national roads and total estimated individuals of 111, 324 have been displaced inside and outside of the Evacuation Center.

With this, Honorable Presiding Officer, fellow Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the declaration of the State of Calamity shall cause the mandatory imposition of remedial measures under Republic Act 10121 that will hasten the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Provincial Government.

With this, with the permission of the Majority Floor Leader and the Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, I would like to respectfully move for the passage of a Resolution "Declaring the Entire Province of Surigao del Sur Under the State of Calamity after Bagyong Basyang Struck or Hit the Province Last February 5, 2026".

Resolved finally, Honorable Presiding Officer, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, to Mr. Lot Garrido, Acting Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer, to Ms. Marygen Buladaco, Extension Office Head of the GSIS, to Mr. Benigno Degani, Officer in Charge of the SSS and to Ms. Gina Buot, Branch Head of Pag-IBIG in San Francisco. With this, I respectfully move for the passage of the Resolution.

ALL:

We second the motion.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Any objection? The Chair hears no objection, so we now put...

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MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Mr. Chair, sorry. Just minor *po*, updating *lang po* ng numbers. *Yung sa* number of families data *lang*. Anything else? We concur.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay.

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

Mr. Chair, if I may?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, go ahead.

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

If there are changes as to the details and particulars that would eventually be submitted by the other Local Government Units, I would like to respectfully and earnestly request the staff to make the corresponding alterations and corrections.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay. Again, let's now put the question to a vote. As many as in favor for the motion, please rise.

SECRETARY PEREZ II:

(Counting)

IN FAVOR:

Hon. Ruel D. Momo
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.
Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Raul K. Salazar
Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod
Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel
Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

AGAINST:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Also on virtual, they manifested their vote.

Hon. Henrich M. Pimentel
Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.
Hon. Joey S. Pama
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo

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Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

All Members present voted in favor, Your Honor.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Motion is actually approved.

MR. J.V. PIMENTEL:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Okay, any announcement?

Any other matters?

Yes, Board Member John Paul.

HON. J.P. PIMENTEL:

Thank you, Honorable Vice Governor. This is just an invitation again, I have said this before, I would like to invite all the Board Members, of course, including our handsome Vice Governor, our PCL Convention will be in Manila, next week, it will be February 19 to 21, 2026, I will give the invitation, I will give it later. Thursday *ang* check-in and then Saturday *ang* check-out, that's next week. If you are available, it will be at the Century Park Hotel. The same venue of the Liga ng mga Barangay. Hopefully, our leaders of the Province, the two (2) Congressmen, and Governor Jhonny will be there. So, again, you are all invited, hopefully, you can come next week. Thank you.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, Board Member Ngay-Ngay.

HON. GUNO:

Likewise, the Provincial Liga Congress. I would like to invite everyone. Our Liga Provincial Congress will be on February 25 to 27, same venue with Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel at Century Park Hotel. You're all invited. Thank you.

HON. CAÑEDO:

Mr. Chair?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, Board Member Ton-ton.

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HON. CAÑEDO:

For Other Matters, I would like to also take this opportunity to invite our colleagues, especially the Young Legislators as the Former Regional Chair that we will be also conducting our 27th National Convention and Election of National Executive Committee to the National Movement of Young Legislators, this will be on February 23 to 25, 2026 and that will be at the Manila Hotel, Ermita, Manila. That will be all, Mr. Chair.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Any other announcements?

So, what's now the pleasure?

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

Mr. Chair, if I may?

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Yes, Board Member, Atty. Jun-Jun.

HON. DUMAGAN, JR.:

If there are no more announcements, with the permission coming from the Majority Floor Leader and the other Members, I would like to respectfully move for the adjournment of our 1st Special Session.

ALL:

We second the motion.

HON. PRESIDING OFFICER ALAMEDA, SR.:

Unless opposed. This Special Session is now officially adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: - - - - - 11:12 in the morning.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the transcript of proceedings taken down by the undersigned during the 1st Special Session of the 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur on the above-stated time, date and place.

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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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(Presiding Officer)

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