

RESOLUTION NO. ____
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Tandag City

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AUTHORIZING HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, BY AND AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), THIS PROVINCE REPRESENTED BY ITS OIC PENR OFFICER, FOR. ADELFO R. LUENGAS, JR., THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TANDAG REPRESENTED BY ITS CITY MAYOR, HON. ROXANNE C. PIMENTEL, THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF LANUZA REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. GERI H. IRIZARI, THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORTES REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. FREDERICK P. YU, THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF TAGO REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. JELIO VAL C. LAURENTE, THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION SURIGAO DEL SUR IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE REPRESENTED BY ITS DIVISION MANAGER, ENGR. PAUL P. URBIZTONDO, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT (DEPDEV), CARAGA REGION 13, BUTUAN CITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS OIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR, GEMIMA A. OLAM, CESO IV, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP), CARAGA REGION 13, BUTUAN CITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, JULIUS L. MABINI, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS 1ST ENGINEERING DISTRICT SURIGAO DEL SUR, REPRESENTED BY ITS DISTRICT ENGINEER, ENGR. RUEL BANTUGAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTED BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, MS. EMMYLOU T. PRESILDA, OIC, APCO SURIGAO DEL SUR, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM REPRESENTED BY ITS OIC, PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICER II, MR. JERRY R. VILLASON, MAED, THE TANDAG CITY WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL MANAGER, ENGR. EULOGIO D. MILLA, THE LANUZA BAY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (LBDA) REPRESENTED BY ATTY. LEODERICO P. AVILA, JR, THE MOTHERLY ASSOCIATION FOR RIVER INITIATIVES TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (MARITES) REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT, MS. MARIA DELFINA A. FERNANDEZ, THE PAKWAN MANOBO INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITY (PAMICC) REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, DATU ROMEL P. DAWOG, THE KAHUGPUNGAN SA TRIBUNG MAMANWA-MANOBO (KATRIMMA) REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, DATU ALLAN JUAGPAO, THE KALASAG REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, HAWUDON RUBEN DUAZO, THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR. RICARDO M. FERNANDEZ, THE NORTH EASTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERISTY (NEMSU) REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT, DR. NEMESIO G. LOAYON, PH.D. AND THE DIOCESE OF TANDAG CITY REPRESENTED BY ITS BISHOP, MOST REV. RAUL B. DAEL, DD., ON THE CREATION OF TANDAG WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

SPONSORS:

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the protection and advancement of the right of Filipino People to a healthful and balanced ecology, provides for the promotion of social justice, guarantees the right of the people and their organization to the reasonable participation at the levels of social, political and economic decision making;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Governance Code (Code) directs and authorized local government to establish, maintain, preserve and conserve communal forest and watersheds;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 192 mandates the DENR as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management and protection and the proper use and sustainable development of the country's environmental and natural resources and the LGUs, who have likewise the responsibility for sustainable management and development of forest resources and watersheds within their territories, mutually commit themselves to pursue such objectives under a multiple and sustainable use, demand driven and participatory, development approach;

WHEREAS, the role of Non- Government Organizations, people's and civic organization in local governance and administration in the area of environmental protection and management is promoted and mandated under the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the management of watersheds should achieve the goal as of (1) sustainable and multiple use of natural resources within the watershed in a manner that is environmentally sound, economically viable and socially acceptable and (2) the prevention of further watershed degradation and the restoration of the productive and protective function of currently degraded watershed;

WHEREAS, effective and purposive collaboration and coordination of development initiatives among all stakeholders in a watershed including Local Government Unit, National Government Agencies, Non- Government Organizations, Peoples Organizations and the Private Sectors will hasten and facilitate the achievement of these goals;

WHEREAS, Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated August 7, 2025 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested ~~(to set in the Regular Session and present his manifestation before the August Body)~~ for the passage of a Resolution authorizing him to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur by and ~~among~~ ^{between} the above-mentioned LGUs, National Government Agencies, Non- Government Organizations, People's and Civic Organizations and the Private Sectors for the creation of the Tandag Watershed Management Council, and further seeking support and recognition thereof;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 465 (1) (vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Provincial Governor shall represent the province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and to make the Memorandum of Agreement legal and binding and on motion of _____ and duly seconded by _____;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur by and among the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), this Province represented by its OIC PENR Officer, For. Adelfo R. Luengas, Jr., the City Government of Tandag represented by its City Mayor, Hon. Roxanne C. Pimentel, the Municipal Government of Lanuza represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Geri H. Irizari, the Municipal Government of Cortes represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Frederick P. Yu, the Municipal Government of Tago represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jelio Val C. Laurente, the National Irrigation Administration Surigao del Sur Irrigation Management Office represented by its Division Manager, Engr. Paul P. Urbiztondo, the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDEV), Caraga Region 13, Butuan City, represented by its OIC Regional Director, Gemima A. Olam, CESO IV, the National Commission in Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Caraga Region 13, Butuan City, represented by its Regional Director, Julius L. Mabini, the Department of Public Works and Highways, 1st Engineering District Surigao del Sur, represented by its District Engineer, Engr. DE Ruel Bantugan, the Department of Agriculture represented by its duly Authorized Representative, Ms. Emmylou T. Presilda, OIC, APCO Surigao del Sur, the Department of Agrarian Reform represented by its OIC, Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II, Mr. Jerry R. Villason, MAED, the Tandag City Water District represented by its General Manager, Engr. Eulogio D. Milla, the Lanuza Bay Development Alliance (LBDA) represented by Atty. Leoderico P. Avila, Jr, the Motherly Association for River Initiatives Towards Environmental Sustainability (MARITES) represented by its President, Ms. Maria Delfina A. Fernandez, the Pakwan Manobo Indigenous Cultural Community (PAMICC) represented by its Chairman, Datu Romel P. Dawog, the Kahugpungan sa Tribung Mamanwa-Manobo (KATRIMMA) represented by its Chairman, Datu Allan Juagpao, the KALASAG represented by its Chairman, Hawudon Ruben Duazo, the Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council represented by its Chairman, Mr. Ricardo M. Fernandez, the North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) represented by its President, Dr. Nemesio G. Loayon, Ph.D. and the Diocese of Tandag City represented by its Bishop, Most Rev. Raul B. Dael, DD., on the Creation of Tandag Watershed Management Council, provided that the parties mutually agree to the terms and conditions as stated in the MOA, specifically the following roles and functions of the Council, to wit:

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1. create a Watershed Management Planning Team (WMPT) for the preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plan to include, among others, protection, restoration and rehabilitation, water quality monitoring and delineation of buffer zone;
2. approve the integrated Watershed Management Plan endorsed by the WMPT;
3. participate in the formulation of policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership & convergence, and complementation of natural resources benefits and cost sharing, and resources planning and program implementation;
4. contribute in the management of the resources and development activities stipulated under the approved Integrated Watershed Management Plan;
5. review existing policies governing their specific watershed and recommend appropriate revision/amendments to concerned agencies, if necessary;

6. join in the monitoring of the activities, such as rehabilitation and protection, among others, within their particular watershed;
7. ensure enforcement of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws, rule and regulation in coordination with DENR and concerned agencies;
8. endorse persons for deputation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR);
9. facilitates the resolution of problems and conflicts that may occur within their particular watershed, in coordination with concerned agencies;
10. support and participate in activities that promote and establish awareness on watershed management and resource use;
11. formulates internal rules, regulations and guidance with regards to the conduct and principles for the proper functioning of the council;
12. develop a Manual of Operations for the guidance of the Council;
13. coordinate with existing watershed management bodies present within the watershed to ensure that watershed programs, projects and activities of the council complement with that of other watershed management bodies; and
14. present to RDC the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for adoption.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, to For. Adelfo R. Luengas, Jr., OIC PENR Officer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), this Province, to Hon. Roxanne C. Pimentel, City Mayor, City Government of Tandag, to Hon. Geri H. Irizari, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Lanuza, to Hon. Frederick P. Yu, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Cortes, to Hon. Jelio Val C. Laurente, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Tago, Engr. Paul P. Urbiztondo, Division Manager, National Irrigation Administration Surigao del Sur Irrigation Management Office, Tabon Tabon, Victoria, Tago, Surigao del Sur, to Ms. Gemima A. Olam, CESO IV, OIC Regional Director, Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDEV), Caraga Building, J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City, to Julius L. Mabini, Regional Director, National Commission in Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Ground Floor, Samping Building, J.C. Aquino Avenue, Butuan City, to Engr. ~~DE~~ Ruel Bantugan, District Engineer, Department of Public Works and Highways, 1st Engineering District Surigao del Sur, to Ms. Emmylou T. Presilda, OIC, APCO Surigao del Sur, Department of Agriculture, Paradise Heights, Telaje, Tandag City, to Mr. Jerry R. Villason, MAED, OIC, Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II, the Department of Agrarian Reform, Balilahan Road, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, to Engr. Eulogio D. Milla, General Manager, Tandag City Water District, to Atty. Leoderico P. Avila, Jr., Lanuza Bay Development Alliance (LBDA), Tandag City, to Ms. Maria Delfina A. Fernandez, President, Motherly Association for River Initiatives Towards Environmental Sustainability (MARITES), to Datu Romel P. Dawog, Chairman, Pakwan Manobo Indigenous Cultural Community (PAMICC), Brgy. Pakwan, Lanuza, Surigao del Sur, to Datu Allan Juagpao, Chairman, Kahugpungan sa Tribung Mamanwa-Manobo (KATRIMMA), Brgy. Mampi, Lanuza, Surigao del Sur, to Hawudon Ruben Duazo, Chairman, KALASAG, Brgy. Mampi, Lanuza, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Ricardo M. Fernandez, Chairman, Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Telaje, Tandag City, to Dr. Nemesio G. Loayon, Ph.D., President, North Eastern Mindanao State Univeristy (NEMSU) and to Most Rev. Raul B. Dael, DD., Bishop, Diocese of Tandag City, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.