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Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**  
TANDAG CITY

**Office of the Provincial Governor**

February 13, 2025

**EDGAR G. PEREZ, II J.D.**

Secretary  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN  
Tandag City, Surigao del Sur



Sir:

As per request, please see attached copy of the request for exemption submitted to the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS – LAW DEPARTMENT last February 6, 2025 for your reference and information.

All information requested under Section of 11 of COMELEC RESOLUTION No. 11060 s 2024 RE: *Request of Exemption, Contents*, has been provided through the prescribed forms submitted with the above request.

Let us know if you have other question.

Respectfully yours,

  
**FREDERICK RAUNCHY P. CAMPOS**  
Administrative Officer IV

SURIGAO DEL SUR	Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan	Date: _____
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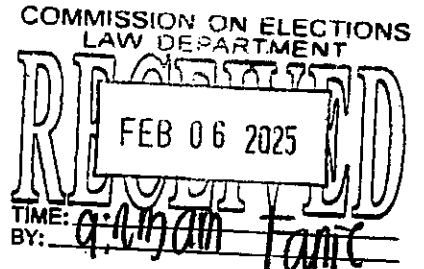


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**PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**  
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January 28, 2025

**DIR. MARIA NORINA S. TANGARO-CASINGAL**  
Director IV  
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS – Law Department  
Intramuros, Metro Manila



**Madam:**

We are respectfully submitting herewith our request for exemption for the implementation of social welfare and services projects as well as for the conduct of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) during election period from March 28 to May 12, 2025 as per requirement under COMELEC Resolution No. 11060 s 2024.

Please see attached forms identifying projects requested for exemption and SP Resolution No. 2771-25 issued granting authority to the undersigned to request for exemption.

We are anticipating your favorable response to our request.

Truly yours,

  
**ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL**  
Provincial Governor

## SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

I, ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, of legal age, Filipino, and resident of Barangay Bongtud, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, Philippines, by these presents do hereby name, constitute and appoint, MARJORIE V. PAGARAN, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Telaje, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, Philippines, to be my true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact for me and in my name, place and stead, to do and perform the following acts and deeds, to wit:

- 1) To exercise authority to file request for exemption, for the conduct of social welfare and social services project as well as for the conduct of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) during election period, to the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS –LAW DEPARTMENT on my behalf as the Local Chief Executive of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur;
- 2) To execute, deliver and/or sign, where necessary, such documents as are needed in order to effectuate the above.

This authority shall continue to subsist and be effective until expressly revoked by me.

HEREBY GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said Attorney-In-Fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing necessary and requisite to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present.

HEREBY AFFIRMING AND CONFIRMING all that my said Attorney-In-Fact shall do or has caused to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Tandag, Surigao del Sur, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ **FEB 05 2025**, 20\_\_\_\_.

  
ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL  
Principal

1168 - 417 - 087 - 0000

Conforme:

  
MARJORIE V. PAGARAN  
Attorney-in-Fact

910 - 611 - 388

Signed in the Presence of:

JOSE NIÑO P. CANETE

  
ANNES B. SORRUEDA

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
City/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_) S.S.

**A C K N O W L E D G M E N T**

The principal, ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, appeared in person before me this FEB 05 2025 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in the City/Municipality of TANDAG CITY, Philippines, presented to me an integrally complete instrument denominated as a Special Power of Attorney and represented to me that the signature thereon was voluntarily affixed by him for the purposes stated therein, and declared that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed.

The identity of the principal is known to me by his GIID, to wit:

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL.

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Series of 2024 .

**ATTY. ANTONIO C. AZARCON**  
Notary Public  
For the City of Tandag  
and the Municipalities of Cortes, Tago,  
San Miguel, Bayabas and Ciguait, Surigao del Sur  
Notarial Commission No. SDS-62-2024  
Until December 31, 2025  
PTR NO. 1337711 12-27-2024 (CY 2025)  
IBP NO. 472884 10-23-2024 (CY 2025)  
ROLL NO. 27757 JUNE 9, 1977  
MCLE Compliance No. VII-0030258

## Instructions:

1. Please fill in the following details and submit the same to the Law Department.
2. Additional sheets may be used.
3. Any misrepresentation or false statement in the request for exemption, including the submitted supporting documents is a ground for the (i) denial of the request and/or (ii) revocation of the exemption granted, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil, criminal, administrative and/or election offense charges.

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
LAW DEPARTMENTRECEIVED  
FEB 06 2025TIME:                       
BY:                     

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AND SERVICES PROJECTS  
12 MAY 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections**

Title of Social Welfare and Services Projects	Requesting Agency/Office/LGU	Period of Implementation	Purpose of Implementation	Amount of Disbursement	Name and Position of Person filing the request
SERBISYO CARAVAN	PLGU-SURIGAO DEL SUR	MARCH 28 - MAY 12, 2025	Bring Service Closer to the People	P 5,000,000.00	Governor
ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS)	PLGU-SURIGAO DEL SUR	MARCH 28 - MAY 12, 2025	Financial Assistance for Food, Transportation, Medical & Burial to qualified Beneficiaries	P 50,000,000.00	Governor
BOTIKA SA BARANGAY	PLGU-SURIGAO DEL SUR	MARCH 28 - MAY 12, 2025	Distribute Medicines to different Barangays for easy access to far located people of SDS	P 15,000,000.00	Governor Governor

## CERTIFICATION

I, ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, GOVERNOR of SURIGAO DEL SUR hereby CERTIFY as follows:  
(Name) (Position/Designation) (Agency/Office/LGU)

1. that I am authorized to request for the issuance of a Certificate of Exemption from the prohibition against the release, disbursement, and expenditure of public funds for social welfare and services projects; (if applicant is not the Head of Agency/Office and for Local Chief Executives of LGUs, attach a proof of authority to file request);
2. that the public funds released and disbursed by virtue of this request will not be used for any election campaigning and other partisan political activity as defined in the Omnibus Election Code and other related laws;
3. that the supporting documents relative to this Request for Exemption shall be preserved for a period of five (5) years from the filing thereof; and
4. that the statements stated herein are all willingly, freely, and voluntarily executed, according to the best of my knowledge and/or based on existing records, to attest to the truth of the foregoing facts for whatever purpose it may serve.

Prepared and Submitted by:

ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

Name and Signature

sdsprovince@gmail.com / 086-211-3257

Active Email Address and Contact Number

01/10/2025

Date

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Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 124<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 JANUARY 21, 2025

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco

- Temporary Presiding Officer

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OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**  
SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME  
DATE: 01-28-2025

**Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:**

**District I**

Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.  
Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon  
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.  
Hon. Jose Dumagang Jr.

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Hon. Raul K. Salazar

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- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon  
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

**RESOLUTION NO. 2770-25**  
(Series of 2025)

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO HONORABLE ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO EARNESTLY REQUEST THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC), MANILA FOR THE EXEMPTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CONDUCT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND SERVICES PROGRAMS/PROJECTS FROM MARCH 28, 2025 TO MAY 12, 2025 IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

**AUTHOR:**

**HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) promulgated Resolution No. 11060 dated September 13, 2024 entitled "Rules and Regulations on the Prohibition Against the Release, Disbursement, or Expenditure of Public Funds for Social Services and Housing Related Projects, and Issuance of Treasury Warrants and Similar Devices under Section 261 (V) and (W) of the Omnibus Election Code" to serve as guidelines and procedure for the local chief executives to follow during the election period;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Governor in his letter addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated January 9, 2025 requested this August Body for the grant of Authority to request for the exemption of the Province for the conduct of social welfare and services programs/projects from March 28, 2025 to May 12, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Rule II of the aforementioned Resolution states that "From March 28, 2025 (Friday) to May 11, 2025 (Sunday), the release, disbursement, or expenditure of public funds for social welfare and services projects is prohibited, except as authorized by the COMELEC";

**WHEREAS**, the same Resolution also provides for its exemptions, thus in Section 11, Rule IV it states that "In order to exempt social welfare and services projects and housing-related projects from the prohibition on the release, disbursement or expenditure of public funds, a request for exemption shall be filed xxx";

**WHEREAS**, the exemption emphasizes the need for the Authority from the Sanggunian, hence in 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph (C) of the same Section it provides that "for requesting local chief executives, their authorities to request for exemption from their Sanggunians shall be attached to the request";

**WHEREAS**, the August Body is one with the provincial government of Surigao del Sur that the conduct of social welfare and services projects as well as grant of financial assistance should not be hampered regardless of any circumstances to ensure continuity of service to the people of Surigao del Sur. Hence, this August Body hereby grants the Honorable Governor an Authority to request exemption as required by the COMELEC;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, it is the desire of the August Body to uplift the status of Surigaonons by supporting the programs and services of the Honorable Governor and in the pursuit of the latter to uplift the plight of Surigaonons from all walks of life by giving them priority and importance despite the certain limitations during election period, and on motion of Hon. Antonio c. Azarcon and unanimously seconded by all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present;

**NOW THEREFORE**


**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to grant authority to Honorable Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur to earnestly request the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Manila for the exemption of the implementation and conduct of Social Welfare and Services Programs/Projects from March 28, 2025 to May 12, 2025 in the Province of Surigao del Sur.

**RESOLVED FINALLY:** To furnish copies of this Resolution to Chairman George Erwin M. Garcia, COMELEC, Palacio del Gobernador, General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila, 1002, for his information and appropriate action and to Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, for his information and guidance.

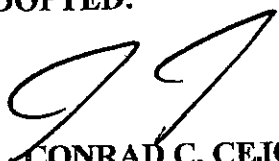
**ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025 at the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**MARITES COMA ARREZA**  
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

  
**CONRAD C. CEJOCO**  
Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
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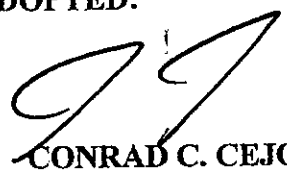
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