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Respectfully indorsed to **Mr. Edgar G. Perez, II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, this Province, the herein basic communication from Lydia Calonia-Manulat, Secretary to the Sanggunian, Province of Agusan del Norte, Butuan City, for your appropriate action.

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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HON. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL

Provincial Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur
Capitol Hills, Telaje, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur

Dear Honorable Governor Pimentel:

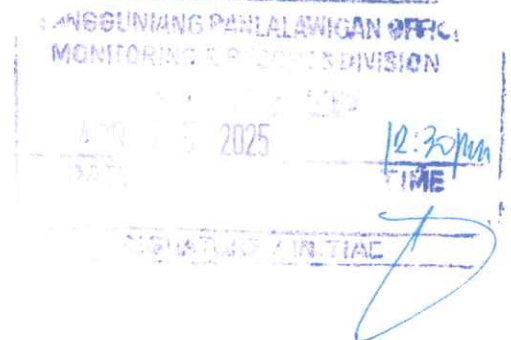
I am respectfully furnishing your good office for your information, the copy of the duly signed approved Sanggunian Resolution No. 146-2025, adopted by the 19th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Norte in its 126th Regular Session, dated April 10, 2025, titled:

"Resolution Authorizing the Provincial Governor, Hon. Ma. Angelica Rosedell M. Amante to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement by and Among the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, The Provincial Governments of Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur: the City Government of Cabadbaran, Concerned Municipalities, National and Local Agencies, NGOs and Academes for the Creation of kalinawan River Watershed Management Council."

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

LYDIA CALONIA-MANULAT
Secretary to the Sanggunian





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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 19TH SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN ITS 126TH REGULAR SESSION HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPOUND, BUTUAN CITY ON APRIL 10, 2025.

PRESENT: Hon. Enrico R. Corvera
Hon. Nieva C. Famador

Hon. Ryan Jade D. Lim
Hon. Rodolfo A. Pitogo

Hon. Dick Victor B. Carmona
Hon. Francisco Y. Chan, Jr.
Hon. Larry F. Bautista
Hon. Benjamin D. Lim, Jr.
Hon. Gea Abby Gayle J. Rizon

Provincial Vice-Governor
Provincial Board Member
Plenary Floor Leader
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Hon. Randy P. Catarman Provincial Board Member, IP representative
(Attending the consultation meeting with NCIP and the Project Caraga Group
Incorporated in Santiago, this province)

ABSENT: Hon. Erwin L. Dano Provincial Board Member
(On Leave)

Hon. James T. Reserva Provincial Board Member
(On Leave)

Hon. Inez Rosario A. Amante Provincial Board Member, PCL
(On Leave)

SANGGUNIAN RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, HON. MA. ANGELICA ROSEDELL M. AMANTE TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AND SURIGAO DEL SUR; THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CABADBARAN, CONCERNED MUNICIPALITIES, NATIONAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES, NGOS AND ACADEMES FOR THE CREATION OF KALINAWAN RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Norte through the Acting Provincial Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer, Hon. Nieva C. Famador, for legislative action is the letter, dated October 30, 2024 from the Acting Provincial Governor, Enrico R. Corvera, requesting for an authority for the Provincial

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Governor, Hon. Ma. Angelica Rosesell M. Amate to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and among the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, represented by its OIC-Regional Executive Director, Maritess M. Ocampo; the Provincial Local Government of Agusan del Norte, represented by its Provincial Governor, Hon. Ma. Angelica Rosedell M. Amante; the National Economic and Development Authority, represented by its OIC-Regional Director, Gemima A. Olam, CESO IV; the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office-Agusan del Norte, represented by its OIC-PENR Officer, Joseph Leo E. Oconer; the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office-Surigao del Norte, represented by its OIC-PENR Officer, Agapito T. Patubo; the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Tubay, represented by its Office-In-Charge CENR Officer, Hernan P. Ramirez; the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Tubod, represented by its CENR Officer, Ruel E. Efren; the National Irrigation Administration-Caraga, represented by its Regional Manager, Engr. Ruby C. Tuan, Jr. and Division Manager, Engr. Dexter A. Sablaon; the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, represented by its Regional Director, Ordonio P. Rocero, Jr.; the Department of Public Works and Highways, represented by its Regional Director, Engr. Pol M. Delos Santos, CESO IV; the Department of Agriculture, represented by its Regional Executive Director, Arlan M. Mangelen; the Department of Agrarian Reform, represented by its Regional Director, Atty. Merlita S. Capinpuyan; the Tapani-Tagbuyawan Upland Tree Planters Association, Inc. (TATAGUTPAI), represented by its PO Chairman, Rolando B. Rein; the Philippine Association of Water Districts, represented by its General Manager, Mark Conrad C. Lapida; the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, represented by its Regional Director, Engr. Larry M. Heradez; the Environmental Management Bureau, represented by its OIC-Regional Director, Engr. Dennis O. Celestial, MM; the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, represented by its Regional Director, Omnia B. Olama; the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte, represented by its Provincial Governor, Hon. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers; the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur, represented by its Provincial Governor, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel; the City Government of Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte, represented by its City Mayor, Hon. Judy C. Amante; the Municipality of Tubay, Agusan del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jimmy L. Beray; the Municipality of Santiago, Agusan del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Zenaida C. Lim; the Municipality of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Napoleon M. Montero, M.D.; the Municipality of Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jenry E. Montante; the Municipality of Alegria, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rene G. Esma; the Municipality of Mainit, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Crisanta O. Mondano; the Municipality of Tubod, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Richelle B. Romarate; the Municipality of Sison, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Karissa R. Fetalvero-Paronia, RN, MAN; the Municipality of Malimono, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Wallace R. Sinaca; the Municipality of Placer, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jovy Marie C. Villazon; the Municipality of Bacuag, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Felicisimo C. Cebedo; the Municipality of Claver, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Georgia D. Gokiangkee; the Municipality of Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Chandru T. Bonite; the Municipality of Carrascal, Surigao del

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Sur, represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Vicente H. Pimentel III; the Surigao del Norte State University, represented by its OIC- University President, Dr. Alma S. Patron, PhD, RSW; the Rural Enterprise Assistance Center (REACH) Foundation Inc., represented by its Executive Director, Arceli T. Napalan; the Philippine National Police- Agusan del Norte, Police Provincial Office, represented by its Provincial Director, PCOL April Mark C. Young; the Philippine National Police- Surigao del Norte, Police Provincial Office, represented by its Provincial Director, PCOL Laudemer M. Laude; the 29th Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, represented by its Commanding Officer, LTC Cresencio C. Gargar INF (GSC) PA; and the 30th Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, represented by its Commanding Officer, LTC Albert M. Batingga INF (GSC) PA, for the creation of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council;

WHEREAS, the said letter with attached copy of the MOA was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for study, evaluation and recommendation;

WHEREAS, acting on the refferal, the Committee conducted a meeting twice on November 22, 2024 and March 26, 2025 with the representatives from the ENRD-PGO and PENRO, this province to discuss the merits and propriety of the said MOA;

WHEREAS, in its further evaluation, the Committee finds that the MOA to be entered into by the province and the concerned local, national line agencies, NGOs and academes concerns the creation of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council;

WHEREAS, the Kalinawan River Watershed is one of the priority critical watersheds supporting the National Irrigation System having an area of ninety-nine thousand two hundred thirty-one hectares (99,231.8 hectares) covering positions of Cabadbaran City and municipalities of Tubay, Santiago, Jabonga and Kitcharao in the province of Agusan del Norte and some municipalities of Surigao del Norte, namely: Alegria, Bacuag, Mainit, Placer, Sison, Tubod, Claver, Gigaquit, and Malimono as well as the portion of the Municipality of Carrascal, province of Surigao del Sur including the inland wetland of Lake Mainit;

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 reasonable participation at all levels on social, political and economic decision-making;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code of 1991 directs and authorizes 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 proper use and sustainable development for the country's environmental and natural

resources and the LGUs have likewise the responsibility to implement programs 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 participation, development approach;

WHEREAS, the role of non-government, people's and civic organizations in local governance and administration in the area of environmental protection and management is promoted and mandated in the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, as stipulated in the MOA, the concerned parties shall have their respective roles and responsibilities for the successful creation of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council, to carry out the objectives in DAO 2021-41 of managing the Kalinawan River Watershed and among the responsibilities of the Council are the following: formulate an Integrated Watershed Management Plan to include, among others, protection, restoration, and rehabilitation, water quality monitoring and delineation of buffer zone; for this, the Kalinawan River Watershed Council, shall participate in the formulation of policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership and convergence, and complementation of natural resources benefits and cost sharing, and resources planning and programs implementation;

WHEREAS, each national agency, local office, NGO and academe has also their corresponding roles and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Committee finds that the creation of said Council is laudable for it strengthen and develop the collaboration between and among the various government agencies, Local Government Units (LGU) and other concerned stakeholders in the management of the Kalinawan River Watershed;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing findings, the Committee recommends to authorize the Provincial Governor to sign the MOA with the concerned local, national line agencies, NGOs and academe, as the authorized official to 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 as provided for in Section 465 (vi) of RA 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991.

NOW, THEREFORE –

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Norte, in session assembled, to authorize the Provincial Governor, Hon. Ma. Angelica Rose dell M. Amante to sign the Memorandum of Agreement by and among the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the three (3) Provincial Governments of Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur; the City Government of Cabadbaran, the concerned Municipalities, National and local agencies, NGOs and academes for the creation of the Watershed Management Council;

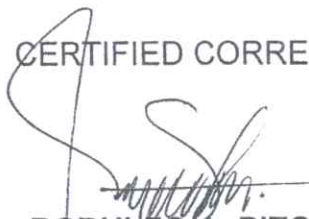
RESOLVED FURTHER: To furnish a copy of this resolution to the Provincial Governor, Honorable Ma. Angelica Rosedell M. Amante through the Provincial Administrator, to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources through its OIC-Regional Director, Marites M. Ocampo, the National Economic and Development Authority through its OIC-Regional Director, Gemima A. Olam, CESO IV; the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office-Agusan del Norte through its OIC-PENR Officer, Joseph Leo E. Oconer, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office-Surigao del Norte through its OIC-PENR Officer, Agapito T. Patubo, the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Tubay through its Office-In-Charge CENR Officer, Hernan P. Ramirez, the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Tubod through its CENR Officer, Ruel E. Efren, the National Irrigation Administration-Caraga through its Regional Manager, Engr. Ruby C. Tuan, Jr. and Division Manager, Engr. Dexter A. Sablaon, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples through its Regional Director, Ordonio P. Rocero, Jr., the Department of Public Works and Highways through its Regional Director, Engr. Pol M. Delos Santos, CESO IV, the Department of Agriculture through its Regional Executive Director, Arlan M. Mangelen, the Department of Agrarian Reform through its Regional Director, Atty. Merlita S. Capinpuyan, the Tapan-Tapagbuyawan Upland Tree Planters Association, Inc. (TATAGUTPAI) through its PO Chairman, Rolando B. Rein, the Philippine Association of Water Districts through its General Manager, Mark Conrad C. Lapida, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau through its Regional Director, Engr. Larry M. Heradez, the Environmental Management Bureau through its OIC-Regional Director, Engr. Dennis O. Celestial, MM, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources through its Regional Director, Omnia B. Olama, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte through its Provincial Governor, Hon. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur through its Provincial Governor, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, the City Government of Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte through its City Mayor, Hon. Judy C. Amante, the Municipality of Tubay, Agusan del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jimmy L. Beray, the Municipality of Santiago, Agusan del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Zenaida C. Lim, the Municipality of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Napoleon M. Montero, M.D., the Municipality of Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jenny E. Montante, the Municipality of Alegria, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rene G. Esma, the Municipality of Mainit, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Crisanta O. Mondano, the Municipality of Tubod, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Richelle B. Romarate, the Municipality of Sison, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Karissa R. Fetalvero-Paronia, RN, MAN; the Municipality of Malimono, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Wallace R. Sinaca, the Municipality of Placer, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Jovy Marie C. Villazon, the Municipality of Bacuag, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Felicisimo C. Cebedo, the Municipality of Claver, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Georgia D. Gokiangkee, the Municipality of Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Chandru T. Bonite, the Municipality of Carrascal, Surigao del Sur through its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Vicente H. Pimentel III; the Surigao del Norte State University through its OIC- University President, Dr. Alma S. Patron, PhD, RSW; the Rural Enterprise Assistance Center (REACH) Foundation Inc. through its Executive Director, Arceli T. Napalan; the Philippine National Police-Agusan del Norte, Police Provincial Office through its Provincial Director, PCOL April Mark C. Young, the Philippine National Police- Surigao

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CO-AUTHORS	:	Hon. James T. Reserva
	:	Hon. Dick Victor B. Carmona
MOVANT	:	Hon. Ryan Jade D. Lim
SECONDER	:	Hon. Enrico R. Corvera
	:	Hon. Nieva C. Famador
	:	Hon. Francisco Y. Chan, Jr.
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	:	Hon. Gea Abby Gayle J. Rizon

ATTESTED:


LYDIA C. MANULAT
Secretary to the Sanggunian

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

RODOLFO A. PITOGO
Provincial Board Member
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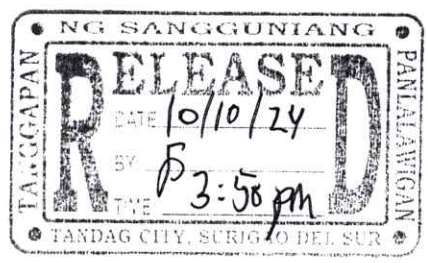
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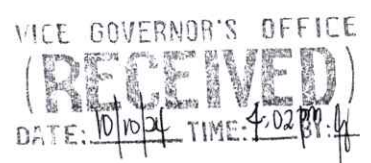
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(Office of the Provincial Council)



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 110TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL OF THE SOUTH, KAHAYAG, BISLIG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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.
Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.

District II

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.
Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo
Hon. Raul K. Salazar



ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Ex – Officio Members:

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod	- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative, Surigao del
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
Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez	- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ABSENT:

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Jose Dumagan Jr. - Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

RESOLUTION NO. 2373-24
(Series of 2024)

AUTHORIZING HON. ALEXANDER 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 WITH THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KALINAWAN RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

SPONSORS:

**HON. ANTONIO C. AZARCON, HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR,
HON. GINES RICKY J. SAYAWAN, SR., HON. JOSE DUMAGAN,
JR., HON. ANTHONY JOSEPH P. CAÑEDO, HON. RUEL D. MOMO,
HON. VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR., HON. MARGARITA
G. GARAY AND HON. JIMMY I. GUINSOD**

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 reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision making;

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

WHEREAS, Executive Order 192 under Section 4. Mandate. The Department shall be the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom ; for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos. To accomplish its mandate, the Department shall be guided by the following objectives that will serve as basis for policy formulation: (a) Assure the availability and sustainability of the country's natural resources through judicious use and systematic restoration or replacement, whenever possible; (b) Increase the productivity of natural resources in order to meet the demands for forest, mineral and land resources of a growing population; (c) Enhance the contribution of natural resources for achieving national economic and social development; (d) Promote equitable access to natural resources by the different sectors of the population; (e) Conserve specific terrestrial and marine areas representative of the Philippine natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units (LGUs), have likewise the responsibility for sustainable management and development of forest resources and watersheds within their territories who shall mutually commit themselves to pursue such objectives under a multiple and sustainable use, demand driven and participation, development approach;

WHEREAS, the management of watersheds should achieve the goals of (1) sustainable multiple use of natural resources within the watersheds 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 watersheds;

WHEREAS, effective and purposive collaboration and coordination of development initiatives among all stakeholders in a watershed including Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organization, People's Organizations, and the Private Sector, will hasten and facilitate the achievement of these goals;

WHEREAS, the Kalinawan River Watershed is one of the Priority Critical Watershed supporting National Irrigation System having an area of ninety-nine thousand and two hundred thirty-one hectares 99, 231.8 covering portions of Cabadbaran City and Municipalities of Tubay, Santiago, Jabonga and Kitcharao in the province of Agusan del Norte and some Municipalities of Surigao del Norte, namely Alegria, Bacuag, Mainit, Placer, Sison, Tubod, Claver, Gigaquit, and Malimono as well as portion of the Municipality of Carrascal, Province of Surigao del Sur including the inland wetland of Lake Mainit;

WHEREAS, DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-41 provides guidelines in the creation of Watershed Management Council in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated May 10, 2024 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested 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 with the various stakeholders on the Establishment of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council;

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 Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon and duly seconded by Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Alexander 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 with the various stakeholders on the Establishment of the Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council, provided that the parties mutually agree to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

The Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council shall:

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 programs 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 revisions/amendments to concerned agencies, if necessary;
6. join in the monitoring of the activities, including but not limited to rehabilitation and protection, within their particular watershed;
7. ensure enforcement of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws, rules and regulations in coordination with DENR and concerned agencies;
8. endorse persons for deputation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR);
9. facilitate 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 resources;

11. formulate internal rules, regulations and guidelines with regard to the conduct and 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 in the watershed (Protected Area Management Board, Water Quality Management etc.) 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.

The DENR-Regional Office shall:

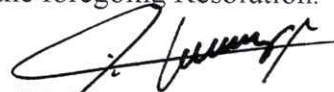
1. prepare and give notice of meetings;
2. provide administrative support in the conduct of meeting;
3. record the meeting proceedings and produce the minutes before the conduct of next meeting; and
4. serve as the custodian of all records correspondences, plans, files and other documents of Kalinawan River Watershed Management Council.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel and to Mr. Hernan P. Ramirez, OIC-CENR Officer, CENRO-Tubay, Doña Rosario, Tubay, Agusan del Norte, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024 at the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of all Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members present.

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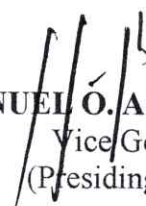
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.



EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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



MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)