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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the special session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on April 7, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 351-2021

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO USE THE RT-PCR TEST PROCEDURE PARTICULARLY NASOPHARYNGEAL AND OROPHARYNGEAL SWABS IN TESTING SUSPECTED PATIENTS OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, many diagnostic tests for COVID-19 are now available and one of them is the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test;

WHEREAS, the RT-PCR is considered the current standard test for detecting the presence of the COVID-19 virus and it has higher sensitivity and specificity abilities;

WHEREAS, the RT-PCR test is also capable of producing results in a shorter period of time and one of the essential methods of detecting the infectious virus is through the oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabs;

WHEREAS, the oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabs appear to be the best way to collect sample/specimen for testing suspected patients of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, diagnostic testing is an important element to guide COVID-19 management, and detection of the presence of infectious virus by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabs are considered accurate;

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to follow the gold standard in determining suspected patients of COVID-19 in the Province of Pangasinan;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa, duly seconded, it was –



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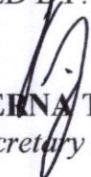
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RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to urge, as they are hereby urged, all local government units in the Province of Pangasinan to use the RT-PCR Testing Procedure particularly Nasopharyngeal and Oropharyngeal swabs in testing suspected patients of COVID-19;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all Local Government Units in the Province of Pangasinan, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)