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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on October 21, 2019 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza and  
all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 594-2019**

**EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST CONDOLENCES AND  
DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE PEOPLE OF PANGASINAN  
ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT  
AQUILINO "NENE" PIMENTEL, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, the People of Pangasinan is deeply saddened by the demise of former Senate President Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr. last October 20, 2019 at the age of 85;

**WHEREAS**, former Senate President Aquilino Pimentel, Jr. was regarded as one of the country's most esteemed statesmen, a true patriot, a champion of human rights and a pillar of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, his long political career started when he was elected to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, where he, together with other delegates, became the opposition and a vocal critic of the dictatorship for which he was arrested a number of times;

**WHEREAS**, together with other politicians in Visayas and Mindanao, he formed the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino (PDP) party in 1982, which merged with the Laban party to form PDP-Laban for the 1986 snap elections;

**WHEREAS**, after the 1986 People Power revolution, President Corazon Aquino appointed him as local government minister and later as secretary, and then the government's chief peace negotiator with Muslim separatists in 1987;

**WHEREAS**, former Senator Pimentel was a member of the Senate for three terms: from 1987 to 1992, then from 1998 to 2004 and from 2004 to 2010, and was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate President from November 2000 to June 2001;



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**WHEREAS**, championing the empowerment and development of local governments, former Senate President Aquilino Pimentel, Jr. authored the 1991 Local Government Code which decentralized governance and provided for the autonomy of local government units;

**WHEREAS**, apart from the Local Government Code, he sponsored other significant laws that include the Cooperative Code, the Philippine Sports Commission Act, the People's Small-Scale Mining Act, the act creating the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in 1989, the Generic Drugs Act, among others;

**WHEREAS**, he had defined his place in the people's history by standing up to the Marcos dictatorship during Martial Law, asserting Philippine sovereignty by voting against the extension of the Phil-US Bases Treaty, running as vice president to Jovito Salonga in 1992, taking the principled position as Senate President during the Estrada impeachment trial;

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from politics in June 2010, he remained a staunch proponent for a federal system of government in the Philippines, and he was one of the members of the Consultative Committee tasked by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to review the 1987 Constitution and draft a new charter that would pave the way for a federal form of government;

**WHEREAS**, former Senate President Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. had undoubtedly lived a complete and fruitful life and died a fulfilled man;

**WHEREAS**, he has left a legacy of courage and principle which the young and the future generations of Filipinos could draw inspiration from during these challenging times;

**WHEREAS**, the entire officialdom of Pangasinan and its people join his family and relatives in fervently praying for the Almighty to grant Senator Pimentel eternal repose;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Von Mark R. Mendoza and all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, duly seconded, it was –

**RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to express, as it is hereby expressed, the sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy of the People of Pangasinan on the demise of former Senate President Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr.;