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# 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 December 11, 2017 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Members Liberato Z. Villegas,  
Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa and Clemente B. Arboleda, Jr.

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 707-2017**

**AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A DEED OF USUFRUCT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF LAOAC, PANGASINAN, RELATIVE TO A PARCEL OF LAND COVERED BY TAX DECLARATION NOS. 20-005-14892 WITH AN AREA OF 20,659 SQUARE METERS, AND ANOTHER PARCEL OF LAND COVERED BY TAX DECLARATION NOS. 20-0005-14893 WITH AN AREA OF 2,418 SQUARE METERS, BOTH OWNED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PANGASINAN, PURSUANT TO THE REFORESTATION PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TREE LIBRARY PROJECT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAOAC**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit of Laoac, Pangasinan has reserved more than 2.2 hectares situated in Barangay Botigue, said municipality, for the establishment of Tree Library Project;

**WHEREAS**, after more than ten years of serving a placid environment to the surrounding communities, some of the trees planted in the municipal property in Barangay Botigue, Laoac, Pangasinan were cut down to pave way for the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX), which traversed said property;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Laoac plans to utilize the remaining portion of the property in Barangay Botigue which was adversely affected by the TPLEX, into a mini eco-tourism forest park, and the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality, Hon. Silverio D. Alarcio, Jr., submitted a project proposal for the establishment of a Tree Library in the subject property in Barangay Botigue, Laoac, Pangasinan;



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**WHEREAS**, in order to complete the Tree Library Project, the lot area requirement is at least 4-5 hectares, hence the Municipality of Laoac, requested the Province, through Governor Amado I. Espino III, for assistance in the acquisition/purchase of adjacent lots for the establishment of the said project;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Provincial Resolution No. 655-2017, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan acquired adjacent lots and is now the owner and possessor of a parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration Nos. 20-0005-14892 with an area of 20, 659 square meters and a portion of a parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration Nos. 20-0005-14893 with an area of 2,418 square meters, both located in Barangay Botigue, Laoac, Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, it is one of the objectives of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan to ensure that its properties are fully and effectively utilized in accordance with its long term development plans and for the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, there is a compelling need to develop some of the properties of the Provincial Government in order to attain their best potential not only in the field of economic development, but, as well as in environmental preservation;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers granted by the 1987 Constitution and in conjunction with the General Welfare Clause of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, it is hereby declared the policy of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, in partnership with municipal/city government units, national government agencies and the private sector, to enhance the quality of life of every Pangasinense consistent with the principles of sustainable development and responsible stewardship of God's Gift of Nature;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 22 (a) (5), Section 465 (b) (vi) and Section 468 (2) (v) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the 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 ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the sustainability of the aforementioned reforestation project, there is a need to execute a Deed of Usufruct between the Province and the Municipality, as it is considered to be in the best position to implement the project;

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, on motion of SP Members Liberato Z. Villegas, Rosary Gracia P. Perez-Tababa and Clemente B. Arboleda, Jr., duly seconded, it was –