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Legislative Building, Capitol Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet

*Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian*

April 5, 2023



**THE HONORABLE MEMBERS**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
Provincial Capitol, Tacloban City, Leyte

Your Honors:

Greetings!

This is to respectfully furnish you a copy of Benguet Provincial Resolution No. 2023-470 entitled, **"EARNESTLY REQUESTING HON. ERIC GO YAP, CONGRESSMAN, LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, TO FILE A HOUSE BILL MAKING THE POSITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 484 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED"**, for your information and support.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

  
**ATTY. BRIAN J. CRISPIN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines  
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**39<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR (9<sup>TH</sup>-OUT-OF-TOWN) MEETING OF  
 THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIAN**

Held on March 27, 2023, at the SB Hall, Bokod, Benguet

HON. ERICSON L. FELIPE	Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer
HON. MARIE ROSE T. FONGWAN KEPES	Board Member
HON. JOHANNES A. AMUASEN	Board Member
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HON. NEPTALI B. CAMSOL	Board Member
HON. CRISPIN G. MARIANO, JR.	Board Member, LnB President
HON. JESTON S. BALONG-ANGEY	Board Member, SKF President
HON. RONALD C. KIMAKIM	Board Member, PCL President
HON. RECTO C. ALAWAS	Board Member, IPM Representative

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 470**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides for the protection and advancement of the right of the People to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, Section 484 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, provides that the "Appointment of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer is optional for the provincial, city and municipal governments";

**WHEREAS**, the non-compulsory character of the provision puts disinclination to the roles of the provincial, city and municipal local governments in the crafting, preparation and implementation of their respective environmental or forest management plans, programs and policies;;

**WHEREAS**, to essentially amend the Act by making the position of Environment and Natural Resources Officer mandatory will strengthen the implementation, supervision, management, preservation and protection of the LGU's environmental reserves and resources, thus making it synchronized and in harmony with the environmental or ecological development plans of the national government;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded, be it

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**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby done, to earnestly request Hon. Eric Go Yap, Congressman, Lone Congressional District, Province of Benguet, to file a House Bill making the position of Environment and Natural Resources Officer mandatory in the Provincial, City and Municipal Levels, Amending for the Purpose Section 484 of Republic Act No 7160, Otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended”;


**RESOLVED FURTHER AND FINALLY**, to forward this resolution to Hon. Eric Go Yap, Congressman, Congressional Lone District, Province of Benguet, with office address at Eastern Buyagan, La Trinidad, Benguet, for his appropriate action. Let copies hereof be furnished all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Provinces in the Philippines, the League of Vice-Governors of the Philippines, the League of Mayors of the Philippines, the League of Vice-Mayors of the Philippines, the Philippine Councilors League, the Provincial Board Members League of the Philippines, the Liga ng mga Barangay of the Philippines, and the Hon. Melchor D. Diclas, MD, Provincial Governor, all for their information and support/appropriate action.

**CARRIED.**

  
**MARIE ROSE T. FONGWAN-KEPES**  
Board Member


  
**JOHANNES A. AMUASEN**  
Board Member

  
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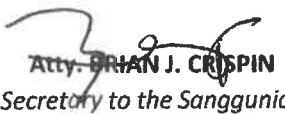
  
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Board Member  
{PCL-Benguet Representative}

  
**RECTO C. ALAWAS**  
Board Member  
{IPM Representative}

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Resolution No. 2023-470 was duly adopted on the date and place as stated above.

  
**Atty. BRIAN J. CRISPIN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ERICSON L. FELIPE**  
Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer