



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 11:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Edistio P. Valdez	Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer;
Hon. Moera Joy N. Galing-Luna	Member;
Hon. Joseph Lister B. Butay	Member;
Hon. Norberto D. Dadiz, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Erico R. Ruiz, Jr.	Member;
Hon. Luciano R. Caraang	Member;
Hon. Jessie Julito P. Pumaras, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Juanito P. Ulep, Jr.	Member/Liga ng mga Barangay President;
Hon. Inno Ma. Angelo Paulo O. Hernando	Member/PPSK President.

ABSENT:

Hon. Angel Miguel L. Hernando	Member (On Forced-Leave).
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“RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REVISING OR AMENDMENT OF THE RICE TARRIFICATION LAW TO FAVOR THE RICE FARMERS AND TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MECHANISMS FOR THEIR COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines under Article 2 Sections 9, 10, and 11 declares that it is shall be the policy of the state to promote a just and dynamics social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all, promote social justice in all phases of national development, and value the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

WHEREAS, the Constitution further declares in Section 21 that the State shall promote comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform and under Article XIII, Section 5, the State shall recognize the right of farmers, farmworkers, and landowners, as well as cooperatives, and other independent farmers' organizations to participate in the planning, organization, and management of the program, and shall provide support to agriculture through appropriate technology and research, and adequate financial, production, marketing, and other support services;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code mandates that local government units shall ensure among others, enhance economic prosperity and social justice and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

WHEREAS, the Rice Tarrification Law or RA 11203 was signed by President Rodrigo Duterte on February 14 and took effect on March 5, 2019 removing government limits or quantitative restrictions (QRs) on rice importation allowing importation of unlimited volumes of rice at any time effectively deregulating the rice industry and leading to an oversupply of rice affecting the livelihoods and incomes of our local rice farmers;

WHEREAS, despite RA 11203 creating the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) as a safety net on the initial impacts of the Rice Tarrification Law, severely affected rice farmers have not fully benefited from the supposed Ten Billion Pesos (Php10,000,000,000), to be given annually for six years to assist rice farmers with seeds, farm machineries, credit and technical extension;

WHEREAS, farmers today need to have the full support of the government due to the heavy losses incurred and the social disruption in the initial implementation of the Rice Tarrification Law. However, very minimal support was given to counter the impacts of the law;

WHEREAS, policy remedies by the State through Congress is an important course of action to prevent any further loss and worsening impacts of the Rice Tarrification Law on rice farmers and to their quality of life.

WHEREAS, after thorough deliberation and consideration of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan, it was:

RESOLVED as it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Sangguniang Bayan assembled in session, to support the revision and/or amendment of the Rice Tarrification Law to fully serve the purpose of protecting and empowering the farmers, advancing their welfare, to ultimately Improve their quality of living.

RESOLVED FURTHER to transcribe copies of this resolution and furnish same to all concerned for their utmost consideration.

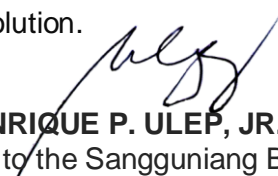
On motion of Member Norberto D. Dadiz, Sr., duly seconded, foregoing resolution was unanimously approved.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.”

Voting on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

- AYES : Members Galing-Luna, Butay, Dadiz, Sr., Ruiz, Jr., Caraang, Pumaras, Sr., Ulep, Jr. and Hernando, I.
- NAYS : None.
- ABSTAINED : None.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


ENRIQUE P. ULEP, JR.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I

ATTESTED:


EDISTIO P. VALDEZ
Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ALFREDO P. VALDEZ, JR., M.D.
Municipal Mayor

Approved on: March 25, 2021