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CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING A FELLOW LOCAL PROVINCIAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, FORMER GOVERNOR EMMANUEL “MANNY” PIÑOL OF NORTH COTABATO, FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AND NEW ROLE TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE AND STRONGLY ENDORSING HIS CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is responsible for the promotion of agricultural and fisheries development and growth in the Philippines to ensure national and countryside development and food security;

Whereas, the delivery of some agricultural services to our people have been devolved to local government units (LGUs) in accordance with Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991;

Whereas, the appointment of a former Provincial Governor, Hon. Emmanuel “Manny” Piñol, as DA Secretary augurs well for a stronger partnership between the national and the local government for the growth, development and modernization of agriculture and fisheries in the country;

Whereas, as then Provincial Governor of North Cotabato, DA Secretary Piñol helped pushed the Malitubog-Maridagao irrigation project and was credited for the bottom-up agricultural planning program which effectively propelled the province out of the poverty;

Whereas, upon his appointment, DA Secretary Piñol had immediately identified his task to ensure more food for the Filipinos and improve the lives of our farmers and the three major components for immediate intervention, namely: (1) fast and effective agricultural technology-transfer to farmers, (2) easy access to financing, and (3) efficient marketing for farmer’s produce;

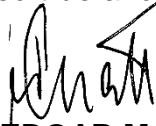
Whereas, the initiative to provide free water irrigation to improve production nationwide and ensure rice sufficiency and food security is a laudable project that should have been undertaken many years ago;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) congratulate and commend the appointment of former Governor Emmanuel “Manny” Piñol as DA Secretary and for his new role under the administration of President Rodrigo R. Duterte in ensuring food security in the country.

Resolved, further, that the LPP respectfully urges the Commission on Appointments (CA) to immediately confirm the appointment of Secretary Emmanuel “Manny” Piñol as DA Secretary.

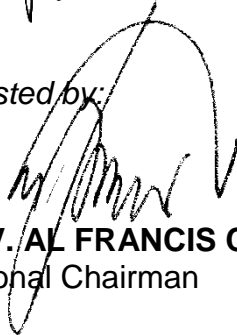
Approved during the 2nd General Assembly of the League of Provinces of the Philippine (LPP) held on the 18th day of November 2016 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

Certified true and correct:



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