

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF AURORA HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, BALER, AURORA ON MAY 5, 2020

PRESENT:

HON. CHRISTIAN M. NOVERAS,	Vice Governor
HON. ISIDRO P. GALBAN,	Regular Member, 1 st District
HON. JESUS V. PALMERO,	Regular Member, 1 st District
HON. PHILIP BUTCH M. BAUTISTA,	Regular Member, 1 st District
HON. JENNIFER A. ARAÑA,	Regular Member, 2 nd District
HON. EUGENE B. CALUGTONG,	Regular Member, 2 nd District
HON. LORDAN B. ROXAS,	Regular Member, 2 nd District
HON. NICASIO M. SALAMERA,	Regular Member, 2 nd District
HON. RAFAEL M. DE MAYO,	Ex-Officio Member, LnB President
HON. JOVENE MIKE B. ALPUERTO,	Ex-Officio Member, SKF President
HON. ONASIS Q. RONQUILLO,	Ex-Officio Member, PCL President
HON. MARY JANE B. DONATO,	Ex-Officio Member, IPM Rep.

ABSENT:

HON. MARIANO C. TANGSON, Regular Member, 1st District

RESOLUTION NO. 144

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO CONTINUE EXTENDING EMERGENCY SUBSIDIES TO AROUND 18 MILLION LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR TWO (2) MONTHS AS STIPULATED IN SECTION (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469 EVEN TO PROVINCES WHERE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE WAS IMPOSED INCLUDING THE PROVINCE OF AURORA

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11649, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, was enacted on March 25, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 crisis in the country;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. No. 11649 and the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency and a National State of Calamity by the President of the Philippines, the entire Luzon and other areas outside Luzon were placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine to prevent local transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (c) of R.A. No. 11649 states that emergency subsidies amounting to a minimum of five thousand pesos (P 5,000.00) to a maximum of eighth thousand pesos (P 8,000.00) per month for two months shall be provided to around 18 Million low income households who were affected by the COVID-19 crisis;

WHEREAS, the first tranche of emergency subsidies were already given to areas declared under ECQ including the Province of Aurora;

WHEREAS, in accordance to the IATF Resolution No. 30 which was later approved by the President, the ECQ has been lifted to low-risk and moderate-risk areas and was modified to GCQ or General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, per recent pronouncement from the Malacañang Palace, through Spokesperson Harry Roque, the second tranche of emergency subsidies shall now be limited to those poor families in areas under ECQ and that those living in areas under GCQ will no longer receive the said cash assistance;

WHEREAS, it is clear from Section 4 (c) cited above that there is no distinction as to what areas shall be provided with the said emergency subsidies and therefore the pronouncement from Secretary Roque that those beneficiaries under GCQ will not receive the second tranche of subsidy is not only discriminatory but also in contrary to the said law;

WHEREAS, despite the imposition of GCQ to low-risk and moderate-risk areas such as the Province of Aurora, the LGUs under such modified quarantine setting, are still not allowed to fully operate normal and regular economic activities within their jurisdictions, and are therefore, economically affected thereby needing such emergency assistance from the National Government;

WHEREAS, it is only just and proper to provide financial assistance to areas where ECQ has been lifted because the fact that those areas are COVID-free or has minimal COVID cases means that the constituents are obeying the laws and regulations relative to the crisis, even though in the process of obeying, their sources of income are compromised;

WHEREAS, the Province of Aurora which has been COVID-free since the outbreak of the pandemic, is now under GCQ and is facing the lack of emergency subsidies from the National Government for its poor constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, upon unanimous accord of the members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to earnestly request the President Rodrigo Duterte to continue extending emergency subsidies to around 18 million low income households for two (2) months as stipulated in section (c) of republic act no. 11469 even to provinces where general community quarantine was imposed including the Province of Aurora

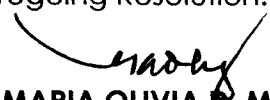
RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) for their consideration and recommendation for the continuation of emergency subsidies to areas placed under GCQ;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, DBM Secretary Wendel E. Avisado, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles for their consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this Resolution be furnished to all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in the entire Philippines, for information and similar support;

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.


MARIA OLIVIA B. MAZA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:


CHRISTIAN M. NOVERAS
Vice-Governor & Presiding Officer