

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF AURORA HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, BALER, AURORA ON JUNE 2, 2020

PRESENT:

HON. CHRISTIAN M. NOVERAS,	Vice-Governor, Presiding Officer
HON. MARIANO C. TANGSON,	Regular Member, 1 st District
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. JASON G. MARTINEZ,	Regular Member, 1 st District
HON. JENNIFER A. ARANA,	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 Pres.
HON. JOVENE MIKE B. ALPUERTO,	Ex-Officio Member, SKF Pres.
HON. ONASIS Q. RONQUILLO,	Ex-Officio Member, PCL Pres.
HON. MARY JANE B. DONATO,	Ex-Officio Member, IPM Rep.

ABSENT:

N O N E.

RESOLUTION NO. 181

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING SECRETARY BERNADETH ROMULO-PUYAT, DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM TO EXEMPT THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS ONE OF THE "NEW NORMAL" TOURISM AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, in a TV interview with DOT Secretary Bernadeth Romulo-Puyat last May 27, 2020, she expressed that Baguio, Baler and Bohol can turn as areas for the new normal tourism spot model;

WHEREAS, said pronouncement gained unwelcoming views from the residents of Aurora Province echoing their sentiment that public health is far more important than tourism economy;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body is likewise of the general sentiment that being a new normal tourism spot is undesirable since doing so will invite influx of tourists which may ultimately lead to high risk of CoVid-19 transmission in the province;

WHEREAS, though the economic benefits of opening Aurora for tourists is unquestionable, its economic viability or the overall positive net economic contribution remains unfounded because the costs may be greater than the benefits;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Aurora, from the very start of the contagion, has been consistent in implementing health and safety protocols against CoVid-19 in order to ensure that the Province remains Covid-free and it wanted to maintain the same until the pandemic is over;

WHEREAS, while this August Body recognizes the mandate of DOT to promote tourism economy, it is its humble submission that it can do so through other means which do not sacrifice the health and safety of the people;


NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Philip Butch M. Bautista unanimously seconded;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to respectfully request Secretary Bernadeth Romulo-Puyat, Department of Tourism to exempt the Province of Aurora as one of the new normal tourism areas in the Philippines;

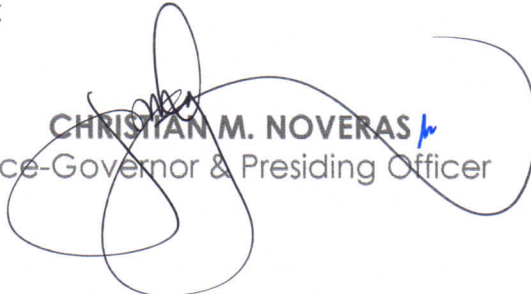
RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to Secretary Bernadeth Romulo Puyat for her information and appropriate action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


MARIA OLIVIA D. MAZA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


CHRISTIAN M. NOVERAS
Vice-Governor & Presiding Officer