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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (LA UNION)

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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No. 009 s. 2025

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TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO, 1868 – 2024

DATE: January 14, 2025

PARTICULARS

1. The Provincial Government of La Union in coordination with DepEd Schools Division Office- City of San Fernando, La Union has issued **Provincial Resolution NO. 1868 – 2024**, on the strict compliance of Article II, Section 68 of Provincial Ordinance No. 071- 2015, otherwise known as **“THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION.**
2. Attached herein is the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1868 – 2024 for reference.
3. For information and guidance.

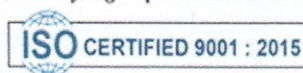
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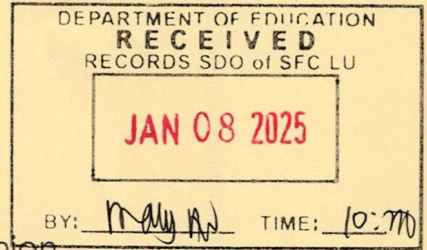


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"The Heart of Aari-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025"
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

January 3, 2025



DR. SHIELA MARIE A. PRIMICIAS
OIC - City Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division of Tanqui, City of San Fernando, La Union
Department of Education

Subject: **FORWARD A COPY OF SP RESOLUTION NO. 1868 - 2024 FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE**


Dear Dr. Primicias:

May we respectfully forward the herein attached Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1868- 2024, for your information and guidance.

Dios ti agngina.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN:


JANE T. FLORES, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Enclosure: as stated (2 pages)

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Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LA UNION
City of San Fernando

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 123rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 23rd SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LA UNION HELD AT THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE FRANCISCO I. ORTEGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AND SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION ON NOVEMBER 08, 2024

PRESENT:

- Hon. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega Vice-Governor / Presiding Officer
- Hon. Maria Rosario Eufrosina P. Nisce Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Geraldine Joy R. Ortega Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Gerard G. Ostrea Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Jennifer C. Mosuela-Fernandez Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Aaron Kyle M. Pinzon Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Henry B. Balbin Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Cynthia Angelica M. Bacurnay Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Ruperto A. Rillera, Jr. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Victor I. Rivera Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
- Hon. Joyce M. Abuan Provincial Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative
- Hon. Pablo C. Ortega President, PCL- La Union Chapter (Ex-Officio Member)
- Hon. Ramon Guio A. Ortega, Jr. President, LnB - La Union Chapter (Ex-Officio Member)
- Hon. Harold Dave E. Sibuma President, PPSK ng La Union (Ex-Officio Member)

ABSENT:

N O N E

RESOLUTION NO. 1868-2024

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LA UNION SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE AND SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE-CITY OF SAN FERNANDO FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 68 OF PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 071-2015, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION"

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 68 of Provincial Ordinance No. 071-2015, otherwise known as "The Gender and Development Code of the Province of La Union" states that beauty contests are competitions that focus on the physical beauty of its contestants which includes personality, intelligence, and talent;

WHEREAS, stated also therein, is the strict prohibition in schools, communities, barangays, municipalities, city and in the province of beauty contests which would indecently expose, commodify, abuse, humiliate and treat the contestants who may either be men, women and minors as sex objects and that organizers of said contests shall secure permits from the Pageant Regulatory Board before holding such events. It was also emphasized that children shall not be used as contestants in popularity contests in all schools and in all component local government units (LGUs) in the province;

WHEREAS, paragraph 5 of the same section, states that any violation of this section by any organizers of beauty and/or popularity contests such as business organizations, departments or agencies, both public and private, educational institutions, charity or welfare organizations, provincial, municipal, city and barangay officials shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or both, in the discretion of the court;

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 45, Creation of a Beauty Pageant Regulatory Board, of Provincial Ordinance No. 441-2023 otherwise known as the "The Revised Gender and Development Code of the Province of La Union," provides for the composition of the Pageant Regulatory Board in the provincial and municipal/city level;

WHEREAS, despite the passage of the above stated provincial ordinance, awareness and compliance among the various schools, school heads, school administrators, parents and students have been low, consequently, the prohibited acts are continuously being committed by certain schools as evidenced by various "popularity envelopes" that reached the offices of officials and personalities for solicitation;

WHEREAS, the best interest of a child shall be the paramount consideration in all decisions and actions involving children, hence, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan believes that the Department of Education, La Union Schools Division Office and Schools Division Office-City of San Fernando, play a crucial role in raising awareness in the education community about the need to successfully execute the aforementioned provincial ordinance and in assisting in the protection of children's interests;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan finds it appropriate to reiterate, through the passage of this resolution, its request to the Department of Education, La Union Schools Division and Schools Division Office-City of San Fernando for strict compliance to ensure the full realization of Article II, Section 68, of Provincial Ordinance No. 071-2015 and to safeguard the ongoing protection of children in all schools throughout the province;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Cynthia Angelica M. Bacurnay, unanimously seconded;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED:

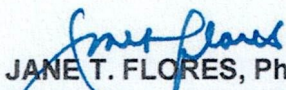
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to request the Department of Education, La Union Schools Division Office and Schools Division Office-City of San Fernando for strict compliance of Article II, Section 68 of Provincial Ordinance No. 071-2015, otherwise known as "The Gender and Development Code of the Province Of La Union;"

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward a copy of this resolution to the Department of Education, La Union Schools Division Office, Schools Division Office-City of San Fernando, Association of Private Schools, City of San Fernando, La Union, Association of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, La Union Chapter, and the La Union Federation of Parents-Teachers Association, for guidance and appropriate action;

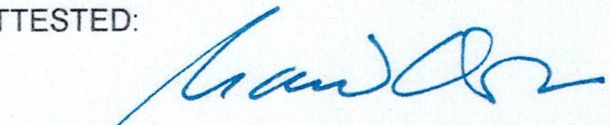
RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to request the Department of Education, La Union Schools Division Office, Schools Division Office-City of San Fernando, Association of Private Schools, City of San Fernando, La Union, Association of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities, La Union Chapter, and the La Union Federation of Parents-Teachers Associations, to provide the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of a report on any action taken and/or feedback pertaining to this resolution, which will be used as input in the formulation of related policies and/or amendments to existing ordinances.

APPROVED.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JANE T. FLORES, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:


MARIO EDUARDO C. ORTEGA, MDA
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer

NOTED:


RAPHAELLE VERONICA "RAFY" ORTEGA-DAVID
Provincial Governor

Date Signed: 23 DEC 2024