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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 019, S. 2023

PROVIDING FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION MEASURES PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9147 OR THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2001 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the State policy to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability, with the following objectives: (a) conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity; (b) regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; (c) pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and (d) initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity;

WHEREAS, Sections 443 (3.vii) and 445 (3.vii) of RA No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that Local Chief Executives to adopt measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral, marine, forest, and other resources of the municipality/city;

WHEREAS, the same law mandates the Sangguniang Bayan to:

- protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging, and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance. (Section 447, (1.vi) and Section 458 (1.vi));
- provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and water sheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects. (Section 447 (5.i) and Section 458 (5.i))

WHEREAS, it is imperative to localize and adopt Wildlife Conservation and Protection Measures in the enforcement of the provisions of relevant wildlife laws, rules, and regulations, such as:

- RA No. 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001;
- RA No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act;
- RA No. 9072 or the National Caves and Caves Resources Management and Protection Act;
- RA No. 9512 or the Environmental Awareness and Education Act;
- DENR MC No. 2010-17, titled, Adopting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Manual of Operations" as Guide in the Enforcement of Republic Act No. 9147 and Other Relevant Wildlife Laws Rules, and Regulations by Designated/Deputized Wildlife Enforcement Officers, Environment and Natural Resources Officers, and Members of the Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Units";
- DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-13 "Adopting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Action Plan (WildLEAP) 2018-2028, as the National Roadmap in Addressing Wildlife Crimes";
- Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP) 2016-2026

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR., Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the Adoption of Wildlife Conservation and Protection Measures pursuant to RA No. 9147 or the Wildlife Act.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of May 2023 at the Office of the Municipal Mayor, Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.
Municipal Mayor