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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 027-A, S-2022

DECLARING FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE (FSL) AS THE OFFICIAL SIGN LANGUAGE FOR ALL TRANSACTIONS, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND DESIGNATING THE FSL INTERPRETER OR FOCAL PERSON OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN

WHEREAS; the State shall, in compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, promote, protect, and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities. Thus, national and local State agencies shall uphold respect for their inherent dignity, individual autonomy, and independence by guaranteeing accessibility and eliminating all forms of discrimination in all public interactions and transactions, thereby ensuring their full and effective participation and inclusion in society;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11106, also known as the "The Filipino Sign Language Act of 2018, mandates the State to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the Filipino deaf can exercise the right to expression and opinion. Accordingly, the State recognizes and promotes the use of sign languages embodying the specific cultural and linguistic identity of the Filipino deaf;

WHEREAS, Section 6, *supra*, mandates all state agencies, offices, and instrumentalities at all levels, and government-owned and controlled corporations, are recommended to adopt all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other measures for the recognition and support of the specific cultural and linguistic identity of the Filipino Deaf;

WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 11106 mandates the Local Chief Executive to formulate and issue appropriate policies to institutionalize the presence of the FSL Focal Points from among Social Services staff in their respective agencies or LGUs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR., Municipal Mayor, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. FSL INTERPRETER/FOCAL PERSON. Hereby designating **Mrs. ROSE ANN T. ALFONSO (PDAO Focal Person)** as the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Interpreter/Focal Person of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The designated FSL Interpreter/Focal Person shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Assist in the drafting, implementation, or adoption of the LGU Information and Communication Policy for the Filipino Deaf and Filipino Sign Language to ensure the inclusion of FSL and deaf Filipinos in all aspects of the agency's policies, operations, and practices;
- Review and introduce policy reforms which eliminate marginalization resulting from barriers in information and communication;
- Engage with local deaf people's organizations/cooperatives in the area for their recognition, capacitation, and support.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Let copies hereof be furnished to all concerned for information, reference, and guidance.

DONE this 11th day of July 2022 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.


Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.
Municipal Mayor