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Sebenteenth Sangguniang Panlalawigan
PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI

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S.P. RESOLUTION No. 097-17, s. 2024

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAPA-SAPA TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (MENRE) FOR THE INCLUSION OF PANAMPANGAN ISLAND AS PART OF ITS TERRITORIAL AREA AND POLITICAL UNIT

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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has reviewed Municipal Resolution No. 09-8 series of 2022, from the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa, which appeals to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENRE) for the inclusion of Panampangan Island as part and parcel of political unit and territorial area of the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa, Province of Tawi-Tawi, based on its geographic location within Barangay Lookan Banaran of the municipality;

WHEREAS, upon due consultation with the MENRE - Tawi - Tawi Office, it has been confirmed that, according to the results of the 2015 Cadastral Survey, Panampangan Island is not within the territorial boundaries of the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa;

WHEREAS, Municipality of Sapa - Sapa has continuously possessed, administered and exercised control over the Panampangan Island since time immemorial, demonstrated by long-standing and uninterrupted utilization of the island as major tourist destination within the province;

WHEREAS, Tax Declaration Number 1004AL, assessed by the Sapa-Sapa Municipal Assessor as approved by Tawi-Tawi Provincial Assessor, establishes that Panampangan has been considered part of the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa;

WHEREAS, the tax declaration substantiating the claim that Panampangan Island is part of the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa has been verified by this august body and found genuine and accurate;

WHEREAS, there exists no conflicting claim or contest regarding the inclusion of Panampangan Island within the territorial jurisdiction to the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa;

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WHEREAS, both local residents and external communities consistently recognize Panampangan Island as belonging to the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Sapa - Sapa;

WHEREAS, online platforms such as Wikipedia, Tripadvisor and Mymindanao, as indexed by Google search, also acknowledge that Panampangan Island is part of the Municipality of Sapa - Sapa, further supporting the municipality's claim;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan supports the Municipality of Sapa - Sapa and urges the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENRE) to duly consider and recognize the historical, cultural, and economic ties between Panampangan Island and the Municipality of Sapa - Sapa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this august body fully endorses the appeal of the Municipality of Sapa-Sapa to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENRE) for the formal inclusion of Panampangan Island within the territorial area and political unit of the Municipality of Sapa - Sapa.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the office of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Assessor Office, Office of the Provincial Governor, and Office of the Municipal Mayor of Sapa-Sapa for their information and guidance.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of July 2024, (17 Muharram 1446 AH), Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

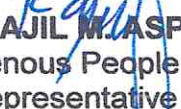
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