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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE PROVINCIAL ABACA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN ORIENTAL MINDORO, ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, PROVIDING FOR THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture issued Department Order No.2 Series of 2013 dated 1 August 2013 instructing the Fiber Industry Development Authority (FIDA) and the Cotton Development Authority (CODA) to transfer to the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) all functions and powers vested to them by law.

WHEREAS, Abaca is extracted from the leaf sheath around the trunk of the abaca plant also known as "*Musa textilis*" which is a close relative of the banana, native to the Philippines and widely distributed in the humid tropics.

WHEREAS, based on the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Philippines is the number one producer of Abaca in the world.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Philippines alone produced 57,000 tons of Abaca fiber. As of today, the Philippines produces annually approximately 80,000 tons of abaca fibers considered as excellent fiber grade.

WHEREAS, Abaca is planted in approximately 200 hectares upland areas in Baco, Naujan, and San Teodoro.

WHEREAS, abaca minimizes erosion in coastal areas which are considered breeding area for several species of sea creatures. It also improves the water holding capacity of the soil which prevents floods and landslides.

WHEREAS, there are numerous uses for Abaca such as the creation of nets, ropes, fishing lines, screens, clothing, and papers.

WHEREAS, Abaca thrives in shaded areas and may be intercropped with timber and fruit trees which will be able to provide farmers additional income while waiting for the harvest of fruits and timber.

WHEREAS, the prevalence of abaca disease greatly affects the Abaca production of the province, not to mention the insufficient supply of abaca fiber due to lack of planting materials.

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Provincial Abaca Industry Development Council to implement and strengthen the Abaca industry in the province considering that the province has the resources to improve, develop, and sustain abaca production.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D., by virtue of the powers vested in me by Republic Act No. 7160 and other pertinent laws of the Republic of the Philippines as the Provincial Governor of Oriental Mindoro, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Oriental Mindoro Abaca Industry Development Council. The Council is hereby created with the following composition:

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- Chairperson** : **GOVERNOR HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, PH.D.**
- Co-chairperson** : **DR. HUBBERT CHRISTOPHER A. DOLOR, MPA, MHA, PAR**
Provincial Administrator
- Members** : **BM ALEXANDRA C. CASUBUAN**
Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Environmental, and Natural Resources, Climate Change and Disaster Management
- BM ATTY. JOMARC PHILIP E. DIMAPILIS**
Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Agriculture and Food, Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, Agrarian Reform
- MR. MAXIMINO A. JUMIG, Jr.**
Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Officer
- MR. ORLANDO B. TIZON**
Tourism, Investment, and Enterprise Development Officer
Provincial Tourism, Investment, and Enterprise Development Office (PTIEDO)
- MS. CHRISTINE M. PINE, EnP**
Provincial Agriculturist
Provincial Agriculturist's Office
- DIR. ARNEL E. HUTALLA**
Provincial Director
Department of Trade and Industry – Oriental Mindoro
- MS. ALMA E. GIBE**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Oriental Mindoro
- MR. ARTEMIO CASARENO**
Agricultural Program Coordinating Office Chief
Department of Agriculture – Oriental Mindoro
- DIR. JESSE M. PINE**
Provincial Science & Technology Director
Department of Science and Technology – Oriental Mindoro
- MR. RODERICK F. TAMACAY**
Field Office Head
Department of Labor and Employment – Oriental Mindoro
- MS. MONA LIZA O. BENTER**
Acting Provincial Director
National Commission on Indigenous People – Oriental Mindoro

MS. MERLITA C. BARRIENTOS
Provincial Fiber Officer
Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority –
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MR. JOEY C. ACLAN
Acting Provincial Director
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
– Oriental Mindoro

MR. LEVY B. ARAGO, Jr., Ph.D.
President
Mindoro State University

ATTY. LIGORIO A. TURANO
Special Assistant on Environment and Indigenous
People
Governor's Office – Provincial Government of Oriental
Mindoro

REV. ENGR. AMANDO VILLAO
Villao Christian Farm

SECTION 2. Functions of the Council Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the Council and ensure the performance of the Council's duties and functions. He may call for a special meeting as he may deem necessary to increase and develop the Abaca industry in the province.

The Co-Chairperson shall perform the same functions as the chairperson but only in the latter's absence.

SECTION 3. Duties and Functions of the Oriental Mindoro Abaca Industry Development Council. The Council shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Identify problems and recommend appropriate measures in the planning, development, financing, marketing, and operation of abaca industry in the province;
- b. Formulate the fundamental policies for its effective operations and implement management system that will ensure the sustainability of abaca in the province;
- c. Conduct periodic assessment of the activities of the Technical Working Groups; and
- d. Review the reports and other documents submitted by the TWGs;
- e. Perform such other functions as may be necessary.

SECTION 4. Council Secretariat. The Provincial Agriculturist's Office (PAgO) shall serve as the Secretariat and shall perform the following functions:

- i. Compile all gathered information, data and materials related to the Council;
- ii. Arrange and coordinate meetings of the Council;

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- iii. Record all proceedings and discussions that arise from the meetings; and
- iv. Perform such other functions as may be necessary.

SECTION 5. Creation of a Technical Working Group. The Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Abaca Industry Development Council is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

TWG-Head : **MS. CHRISTINE M. PINE, EnP**
Provincial Agriculturist

Members : **MS. ALMA E. GIBE**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Oriental Mindoro

MR. MAXIMINO A. JUMIG, Jr.
Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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SECTION 6. Duties and Functions of the Technical Working Group. The TWG shall perform the following:

- a. Analyze the current situation of abaca industry to determine the appropriate measures to ensure abaca sustainability in the province;

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- b. Provide trainings, seminars, and workshops to cooperatives, farmers, and/or persons regarding the cultivation, propagation, as well as the advantages and benefits of abaca;
- c. Conduct research necessary to improve the abaca production in the province and resolve issues or problems such as the low quality and low production of abaca in the province;
- d. Determine various and innovative application of abaca end-products in local industry;
- e. Disseminate information on abaca innovations, advantages, benefits, and its wide range of application, through media, trainings, flyers, and/or other lawful means to that effect;
- f. Submit an annual report to the Council;
- g. Coordinate with persons and other agencies in gathering and extending information, and assist in the provision of abaca planting materials, if possible; and
- h. Perform other tasks analogous to the foregoing and necessary to accomplish such objectives.

SECTION 9. Funding. The Abaca Industry Development Council shall charge the expenses and other obligations necessary to perform their duties and functions against the Governor's Office.

SECTION 10. Creation of Local Abaca Council. The component cities and municipalities of the province may organize their own local abaca industry development council. The local abaca council shall have the same duties and functions as the Provincial Council to be exercised within its territorial jurisdiction. The annual report of the local councils shall be submitted to the Provincial Council. The local councils' report shall aid the Provincial Council in addressing the abaca industry problems to its grassroots.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby amended, repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, this 7th day of November, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.


HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D.
Provincial Governor