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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF CAMARINES SUR HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPLEX, CADLAN, PILI, CAMARINES SUR ON OCTOBER 21, 2011

Present:

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| <i>Hon. Fortunato C. Peña</i> | - Vice Governor & Presiding Officer |
| <i>Hon. Emmanuel F. Ilaguno</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Warren A. Señor</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Charina F. Pante</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Darius S. Nopra</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Rosito T. Velarde</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Rudifo P. Espiritu, Jr.</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Wilfredo Rex C. Oliva</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Alexander James D. Jaucian</i> | - Board Member, Ex-Officio (PCL Pres.) |
| <i>Hon. Domingo U. Briones</i> | - Board Member, Ex-Officio (LnB Pres) |
| <i>Hon. Ronnel C. Estampa</i> | - Board Member, Ex-Officio (SK Pres.) |

On Official Business:

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| <i>Hon. Romulo O. Hernandez</i> | - Board Member |
| <i>Hon. Ruperto R. Alfelor</i> | - Board Member |

Absent:

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| <i>Hon. Angel G. Naval</i> | - Board Member |
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RESOLUTION NO. 432
Series of 2011

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FORMAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE FIELD TRIALS AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES ON GOLDEN RICE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PILI AND TIGAON, CAMARINES SUR

WHEREAS, one of the health problems among the Filipino families is the deficiency in Vitamin A, they don't get enough Vitamin A or beta carotene from the food they eat. Research show that four (4) out of ten (10) Filipino children ages 6 months to 5 years old are estimated to be Vitamin A deficient, while close to 18% of pregnant women suffer from subclinical VAD. It is an established medical fact that VAD leads not only to blindness but more on malnutrition and worst, mortality;

WHEREAS, one important tool being developed to help address this social malady is through the development and consumption of Golden Rice, it is a new type of rice developed through modern biotechnology that contains beta carotene (Vitamin A) in the grains. Studies have shown that consuming about a cup of golden rice can supply half the total daily need for Vitamin A of an adult;

WHEREAS, rice is widely produced and consumed, golden rice has the potential to reach many people including those who do not have the access and cannot afford other sources of Vitamin A. Golden Rice is intended to be used in combination with existing intervention approaches to overcome Vitamin A deficiency including eating food that are naturally high in Vitamin A;

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WHEREAS, to help establish the safety of golden rice in the environment, field tests and other evaluation will be conducted, thus, the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) have chosen the municipalities of Pili and Tigaon, Camarines Sur as the two (2) trial sites for the development, scientific studies and production of golden rice;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the importance of the field trial on golden rice to be conducted in the two municipalities of Camarines Sur, the Provincial Government appreciates the opportunity of having chosen as the site for its development and strongly expressing formal support for the conduct of the field trials and other scientific studies in the production of golden rice in Pili and Tigaon, Camarines Sur;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Rosito T. Velarde, which was duly seconded by Honorable Wilfredo Rex C. Oliva, Honorable Domingo U. Briones, Honorable Emmanuel F. Llaguno, Honorable Charina F. Pante and Honorable Rudio P. Espiritu, Jr., be it –

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Camarines Sur in session assembled, to express formal support FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE FIELD TRIALS AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES ON GOLDEN RICE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PILI AND TIGAON, CAMARINES SUR;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, Jr., Governor, Province of Camarines Sur, for his approval; and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) for their information.

APPROVED.

CERTIFIED BY:

JOSELITO F. FIGURACION
Provincial Secretary

NOTED:

EMMANUEL F. LLAGUNO
Chairman - Comm. on Rules, Internal Government and Public Accountability

AUTHORED/SPONSORED BY:

ROSITO T. VELARDE
Board Member

ATTESTED BY:

FORTUNATO C. PEÑA
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.
Governor

Date:

11/15/11