



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EIGHTH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 88<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIAN  
SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, LAOAG CITY,  
AT 2:55 P.M., MONDAY, 21 MAY 2012.**

**Present:**

Hon. Mariano V. Marcos II, Member and  
Acting Presiding Officer,  
Hon. Ma. Elena M. Nalupta, Member,  
Hon. Fidel A. Cimat, Jr., Member,  
Hon. Rogelio R. Balbag, Member,  
Hon. Joel R. Garcia, Member,  
Hon. Ramon M. Gaoat, Member,  
Hon. Domingo C. Ambrocio, Jr., Member,  
Hon. Juan Conrado A. Respicio II, Member,  
Hon. Vicentito M. Lazo, Member,  
Hon. Quezon B. Alejandro, PCL-IN, Member,  
Hon. Jessie E. Galano, ABC-IN, Member.

**On Official Business:**

Hon. Rodolfo G. Fariñas, Jr., PPSK-IN, Member.

**Absent:**

Hon. Portia Pamela R. Salenda, Member.

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 112-2012**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FORMAL SUPPORT FOR THE  
CONDUCT OF THE FIELD TRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES ON  
GOLDEN RICE IN THE CITY OF BATAC, ILOCOS NORTE.**

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 shows that four (4) out of ten (10) Filipino children ages six (6) months to five (5) years old are estimated to be Vitamin A Deficient, while close to eighteen percent (18%) of pregnant women suffer from subclinical Vitamin A Deficient (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. Golden Rice 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 and 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;

WHEREAS, to help establish the safety of Golden Rice in the environment, field tests and other evaluation trials will be conducted, thus, the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) had chosen Batac City as one of the testing sites;

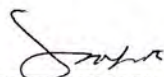
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, as it is hereby Resolved, to express formal support for the conduct of the Field Trial and Scientific Studies on Golden Rice in the City of Batac, Ilocos Norte.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable Imee R. Marcos, Governor, Province of Ilocos Norte, for her approval, and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), for its information and guidance.

*(Voting in Favor: Members Nalupta, Cimatu, Jr., Balbag, Garcia, Gaoat, Ambrocio, Jr., Respicio II, Lazo, Alejandro and Galano;*

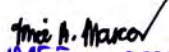
*Voting Against: None:  
Abstention: None)*

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Resolution No. 112-2012.

  
**MILDRED NIRMLA R. LAMOSTE**  
Provincial Board Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
**MARIANO V. MARCOS II**  
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED MAY 28 2012  
DATE  
  
IMEE R. MARCOS  
PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR