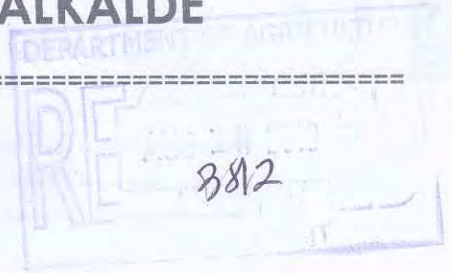




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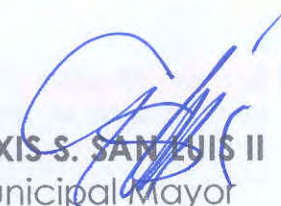


The **Municipality of Pili** concurs and understands that there may be disagreements in the opinions and strategies on how to solve the problem of malnutrition in the region. However, resorting violence to prove one's point, as exemplified in the **Golden Rice field trial vandalism in Pili**, Camarines Sur on August 8, 2013, is unacceptable to this Office. Such acts result in damage of properties, loss of valuable data and investments, as well as physical and emotional pains.

Peaceful and regular dialogue, as well as other similar acts that support the rule of law, should always be a priority of concerned parties in order to reach an agreement that is good for the majority.

This Office supports the stand of Department of Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala to allow the Golden Rice experiment to be completed in order to know if Golden Rice which is a new type of rice that contains beta carotene, is really safe and effective in reducing vitamin A deficiency.

Finally, this Office hopes that the non-violent incident will not be repeated.


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