RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE DIFFERENT BARANGAY ASSOCIATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO OPERATE A BIGASANG BAYAN AS ONE OF THE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN, EMPOWER AND SUPPORT THE SECTOR OF DIFFERENTLY ABLEDPersons:-

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WHEREAS, the City Government of Naga had always been on the lookout for opportunities to strengthen, empower, and support persons with disabilities in recognition of the fact that the members of this sector have something important to contribute in the development of the community;

WHEREAS, among the areas of assistance needed by the PWD Sector is on the area of economic empowerment in order to lighten the economic burden of the persons with disabilities and their families;

WHEREAS, in a series of consultations conducted by the Naga City Office for Persons with Disabilities, their desire to operate a Bigasang Bayan as an income generating activity had cropped up;

WHEREAS, in the same consultations, it had been reported that the applications to operate bigasang bayan filed by barangay associations of persons with disabilities were denied by the National Food Authority (NFA) on the ground that there is already a bigasang bayan within the radius of the area where the proponents intend to operate their proposed bigasang bayan;

WHEREAS, it is a matter of public knowledge that not all bigasang bayan that had been granted permit to sell NFA rice are operating fully and not all of them are strategically accessible and that therefore it would serve the public purpose of making available quality and affordable rice to the Filipino families, especially the economically disadvantaged, if additional bigasang bayan shall operate;

WHEREAS, as a measure of assistance to persons with disabilities, the City Government of Naga believes that it will serve a good purpose, both for the sector of persons with disabilities and the community in general, if the NFA will allow all interested barangay association of persons with disabilities to operate a bigasang bayan;

Now, therefore, on motion of Honorable Mila S.D. Raquid Arroyo, duly seconded by Hon. Jose C. Rañola, Hon. Elmer S. Baldemoro and Hon. Julian C. Lavadia Jr.;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to EARNESTLY REQUEST THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) TO ALLOW THE DIFFERENT BARANGAY ASSOCIATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO OPERATE A BIGASANG BAYAN AS ONE OF THE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN, EMPOWER AND SUPPORT THE SECTOR OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLEDPersons.
LET COPIES of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable City Mayor, John G. Bongat, for his concurrence, the NFA Regional Director for her favorable action, the Honorable DA Secretary Manny Piñol for his information and appropriate action.

APPROVED
Adopted: 12 February 2019

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

GREGORIO R. ABONAL
City Councilor &
Acting Presiding Officer

CONCURRED:

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor