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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-134**  
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**EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO BELATEDLY RETURN LOCALLY IDENTIFIED POVERTY REDUCTION PROJECTS UNDER THE 2014 GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS (GPBP) :-**

On joint and collective motion

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2014, the city government was informed by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, through Sec. Manuel A. Roxas II, that it needs to replace two projects, to be funded by the Departments of Education (DepEd) and the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), under its 2014 allotment under Grassroots Participatory Budgeting Process (GPBP);

**WHEREAS**, subsequent communications by regional offices of said departments have been urging local agencies, from the Local Poverty Reduction Action Team (LPRAT) all the way to the executive and the legislative branches of the city government, to rush the process of replacing said projects, else it will lose access to available funds under the GPBP;

**WHEREAS**, while we have responded to these developments to ensure that the city does not lose access to GPBP funds, we are concerned at several levels, one of which is the obvious bad practice of changing policies midstream, evidenced by the fact that these projects are supposed to have already started implementation and must be completed within 2014;

**WHEREAS**, they have passed due diligence at the local level, having been identified by the LPRAT, whose membership is equally shared by government, civil society and grassroots organizations; and have been identified with the use of Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data, which are poverty-focused;

**WHEREAS**, the same is true at the regional level, having already cleared review of the Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team (RPRAT) chaired by the DILG, with the concerned agencies (i.e. DENR and DepEd in the case of Naga) participating in the process and green lighting local choices as they fall within the menu of allowable GPBP projects already approved at the national level;

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**WHEREAS**, during the recent Social Development Committee (SDC) meeting of the Regional Development Council of Bicol last May 9, 2014 at the NEDA Regional Office, it surfaced during the discussions of the 2013 GPBP status report that Naga's case is not an exception but is representative of similar developments all throughout the region;

**WHEREAS**, we are gravely concerned by the irony of these last-minute decisions at the central level, as they effectively reverse and set aside local decisions, which totally runs counter to the spirit of grassroots participation in assessing local dimensions of poverty and identifying the best interventions that will address them.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on joint and collective motion of the Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to express grave concern over the national government's decision to belatedly return locally identified poverty reduction projects under the Grassroots Participatory Budgeting Process.

**LET COPIES** of this resolution be furnished His Honor, the City Mayor for his concurrence, the National Poverty Reduction Action Team (NPRAT) Chaired by the Department of the Interior and Local Government; the Secretaries of the Departments of Education (DepEd) and the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); the Regional Development Council (RDC) for Bicol Region; the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP); the Philippine Councilors League (PCL); and the other leagues of local governments under the auspices of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED.

Adopted: May 13, 2014

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**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

**GIL A. DE LA TORRE**  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

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CONCURRED:

**JOHN G. BONGAT**  
City Mayor