



as watershed, river basins or water resources regions, and that said management areas shall have similar hydrological, meteorological or geographical, biological reactions and diffusions of pollutants in the water bodies, or otherwise share common interest or face similar development programs and prospects;

**WHEREAS**, Amburayan River System and its tributaries and watershed have similar hydrological, hydrogeological, meteorological or geographic conditions which affect the physiocochemical,, biological and bacteriological reactions and diffusions of pollutants in the water bodies;

**WHEREAS**, Amburayan Water system and its tributaries and watershed include areas in the Municipality of Tublay, Kapangan, Kibungan, Buguias, Bakun, and Atok, all in the Province of Benguet, that traverses the Provinces of La Union and Ilocos Sur, then drain to the West Philippine Sea has a direct and long term impact on the socio-economic and ecological well-being of the individuals, communities, businesses, agriculture and other stakeholders within the river system;

**WHEREAS**, Amburayan Water System is a potential source of water in the future for households, industries and commercial establishment in addition to the present daily uses for aquaculture, agriculture, and other domestic uses;

**WHEREAS**, the present state of the water quality of the Amburayan River System requires protection and management actions by Local Government Units and various stakeholders located within the watershed, working singly and collaboratively, to ensure the River System's sustainability and generate maximum benefits and welfare to the communities and stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. (JVOFI) and the Environmental Management Bureau-CAR and Region 1, in partnership with all Government Units within the Amburayan River System, national government agencies, industries, academe, non-government organizations and other stakeholders, has conducted a series of meeting and consultations and information dissemination activities on the Amburayan River System to generate and ensure understanding and support for its designation as a Water Quality Management Area;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of proper management and sustainable development of the Amburayan River System and its current and potential contributions to the social and economic development of its citizens and communities, the Municipalities of Tublay, Kapangan, Kibungan, Buguias, Bakun and Atok, all in the Province of Benguet consistently and actively participated in the planning and policy discussion about the Amburayan River System in preparation for its designation as a Water Quality Management Area and for this purpose, has created a local Water Quality Task Force;

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the economic and ecological importance of the Amburayan River System watershed to the people and communities, the Province of Benguet affirms the need for collaborative action with other LGU's, other government agencies, academe, industry, agriculture, and service sector and NGO's in the areas recognizing that the actions and activities of one affect the others;

**NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it**


**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby done, to recommend to the Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR CAR) thru the Environment Management Bureau, Cordillera Administrative Region, the designation of the Amburayan Water System as Water Quality Management Area pursuant to Republic Act No. 9275, otherwise known as the Clean Water Act of 2004;

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**RESOLVED FURTHER AND FINALLY**, to forward this resolution to Honorable Ramon J.P. Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for his information and appropriate action let copies hereof be furnished Regional Director Maria Naz-Hipe of the Environment Management Bureau-CAR and to the Regional Development Council-CAR, for their information and guidance.


**CARRIED.**

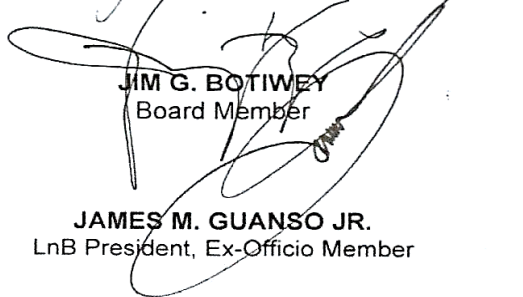
  
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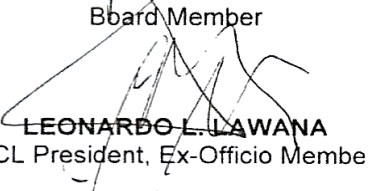
  
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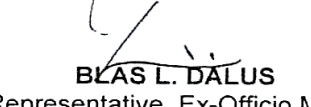
  
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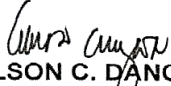
  
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