

LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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**DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF AQUACULTURE
STRUCTURES WITHIN THE LAGUNA DE BAY**

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 7, Art XIII of the Constitution states that the State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of the communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore. It shall provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services. The State shall also protect, develop, and conserve such resources;

WHEREAS, the President, in his 2016 State of the Nation Address (SONA), declared that the Laguna de Bay shall be transformed into a vibrant economic zone showcasing ecotourism by addressing the negative impact of the watershed destruction, land conversion and pollution, and pronounced that the poor fishermen will have priority in its entitlements;

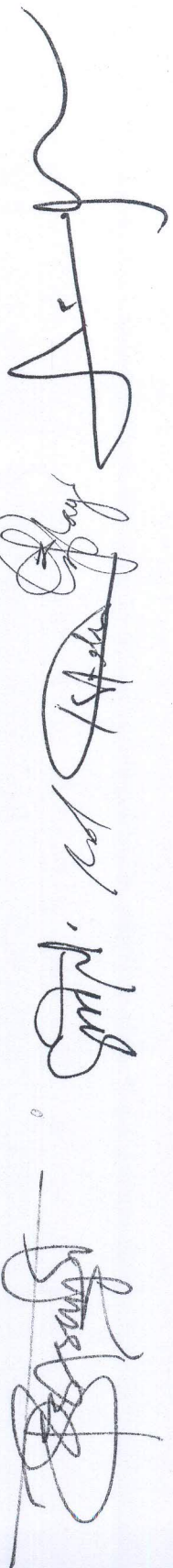
WHEREAS, Section 51 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8550, or the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 provides that ten percent (10%) of the suitable water surface of all lakes and rivers shall be allotted for aquaculture purposes like fishpens, fishcages, and stocking density and feeding requirement shall be controlled and determined by the carrying capacity;

WHEREAS, fishpens and large aquaculture structures have increased in Laguna de Bay and have deprived small fishermen of their source of livelihood;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 349 (s. 1996), approved the Laguna de Bay Master Plan, which includes the Fishery Zoning and Management Plan (ZOMAP), to effectively regulate and control aquaculture structures in Laguna de Bay;

WHEREAS, LLDA Board Resolution No. 360 (s. 2008), was issued to phase out and clean up fishpens and fishcages in excess of the natural carrying capacity as reflected in the 1996 ZOMAP and declared the same as illegal;

WHEREAS, the revised guidelines for the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System under PD 1151 and PD 1586 provides that Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECC) are required for fishery/aquaculture projects using fresh or brackish water above one hectare and so far, no ECCs have been issued for existing Laguna de Bay fishpens or

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