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EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 51st REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LA UNION HELD AT THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE FRANCISCO I. ORTEGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AND SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION ON JUNE 19, 2014

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ABSENT:

Hon. Victoria L. Aragon	Member (OTA)
Hon. Manuel "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr.	Member (OB)

ORDINANCE NO. 053-2014

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF "TANDOK" IN TREATING ANIMAL BITES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In spite of advances in medical science, many still resort to the traditional practices in treating illnesses and injuries. In particular, many patronize "tandok" in curing animal bite where the "mannandok" or practitioner use stone or cow's horn to suck the virus from the wound of the victim. Most probably, they do so because it is cheaper to go to the quack doctors. But many times with fatal result on the patients. Only recently, two victims of dog bites at Pandan, Bacnotan, La Union were treated through "tandok" and both died.

When Dr. Hector T. Beñas, the Provincial Health Officer, appeared at the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on May 8, 2014, he said, "... Yes, the Department of Health says no medical basis for 'tandok'. In fact lately, if I remember it right, last March 25, the

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Department of Health here in the Regional Office has called for this 'tandok' for an orientation at Sea and Sky in order for them to be appraised on what 'tandok' is really doing. Now, they said really that there is no medical basis for 'tandok', in fact, we are discouraging that because people going to these people, yung 'tandok', they are just delaying the correct management of dog bites. Not only that, they also give false hopes, false assurances that these bitten patients are already well. . . ." (Journal 05-08-2014, Page 9). Thus, this draft ordinance designed to protect the health and safety of the constituents.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the **ANTI-TANDOK ORDINANCE OF 2014.**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby the declared policy of the Provincial Government to promote the health and safety of its inhabitants. Thus, the need to prohibit the traditional practice of treating animal bite with "tandok."

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms shall be defined and understood as follows –

- 3.1. Animal Bite refers to the injury to humans caused by a dog, cat, or snake and the like by which it seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth the skin and/or flesh of a person.
- 3.2. Tandok refers to the traditional practice of treating victims of animal bite with the use of stone or cow's horn to suck the virus from the wound on human skin and/or flesh.
- 3.3. Mannandok refers to the person practicing "tandok".

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice "tandok" in treating victims of animal bites within the territorial jurisdiction of La Union.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Any person found violating this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of P5,000.00 or imprisonment for one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.


SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect,

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.



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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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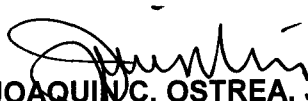
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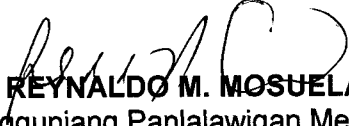

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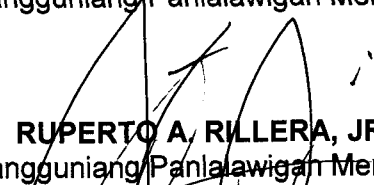

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