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## BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are pending bills in Congress seeking for the revision of Republic Act No. 2382 or the Medical Act of 1959 amended twice, by RA 4224 in 1965 and RA 5946 in 1969;

WHEREAS, the pending bills include the integration of the medical profession whereby physicians licensed to practice medicine in the Philippines will be required to be members of an integrated national organization for physicians;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Association, Inc. (PMA) is able, willing and ready to be such integrated national organization for physicians as it has already in place the necessary structure, resources, logistics and manpower;

WHEREAS, the PMA is a non-stock, non-profit association of physicians established in 1903 and predating all other health institutions in the country including the Ministry of Health. It is a corporation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

WHEREAS, the PMA is comprised at present of 92,966 members with primary goals of bringing together and uniting the entire medical profession of the Philippines, extending medical knowledge and advancing medical science; elevating the standards of medical education and practice, ensuring the enactment of just medical laws; promoting fraternal relations among physicians and between physicians and allied professionals, protecting the legitimate rights and prerogatives of the physicians; serving as an authoritative source of information regarding health, disease and medical practice; and promoting the practice of medicine in the context of Philippine life and culture.

WHEREAS, the PMA is the mother organization of all the medical organizations in the Philippines and is considered as the premier medical organization in the Philippines. It is the only accredited professional organization recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to represent physicians duly licensed to

practice medicine in the Philippines and is consistently recognized as an outstanding accredited professional organization;

WHEREAS, the PMA has basic units called component societies which are existing in all provinces and major cities, 17 regions, 81 provinces, 145 municipalities in the Philippines,

WHEREAS, the PMA, through its specialty divisions such as the Philippine College of Physicians, the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, the Philippine College of Surgeons, the Philippine Society of Pathologists, the Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists and the Philippine College of Radiology, through their certifying Boards accredit and certify the specialists in their respective medical fields in the Philippines duly recognized by the PRC.

WHEREAS, these specialty societies in turn have numerous subspecialties under their wings.

WHEREAS, the PMA has entities within its structure such as the Commission on Ethics, the Commission on Audit, the Commission on Professional Specialization, the Commission on Legislation, the Commission on Elections and the Commission on Mutual Aid, and dozens of committees with specific functions in furtherance of its visions, missions and objectives to promote the medical well-being of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Republic Act No. 2382 or the Medical Act of 1959, all physicians in the Philippines must adhere, obey and comply with the Code of Ethics of the Medical Profession promulgated by the PMA and jointly adopted with the PRC.

WHEREAS, PHILHEALTH only accredits health care providers who are members in good standing of the PMA and in furtherance of the Universal Health Care Act RA 11223;

WHEREAS, the members of PMA constitute one of the pillars of the universal health care program of the Philippine government comprising the human resource for health in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, the PMA, either by itself or through its specialties, subspecialties or component societies, conduct medical missions all

throughout the Philippines in cooperation with the Department of Health in national and local government units for the promotion of a healthy Philippines.

WHEREAS, the PMA is part of the Technical Panel on Medical Education of the Commission on Higher Education on matters pertaining to the accreditation of new medical schools.

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 439, Series of 1957 was issued by then President Carlos P. Garcia declaring the fourth week of September as Medicine Week which authorizes the PMA to take charge of the observance of the Medicine Week

WHEREAS, the PMA has the reputation, domestically and internationally, as the representative of the medical profession in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the PMA is a voting member of the World Medical Association (WMA) which consists of 115 National Medical Organizations all over the world, a co-founder of the Confederation of Medical Associations of Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) and the Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN);

WHEREAS, an international treaty, the ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT ON MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS was entered by ASEAN countries, including the Philippines which recognizes the Philippine Medical Association together with the Professional Regulation Commission as the official Professional Medical Regulatory Authority that controls medical practitioners in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Association is mentioned by name five (5) times in Republic Act No. 2382 or the Medical Act of 1959.

WHEREAS, the Philippine government need not appropriate funds for an integrated national organization for physicians since the PMA has already the existing structure, logistics, resources and manpower to be such integrated national organization for physicians;

WHEREAS, there is no Constitutional or legal impediment for the recognition of the PMA as the National Accredited Integrated Professional for Physicians (NAIPOP).


NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Governors of the Philippine Medical Association, Inc. in its 6<sup>th</sup> regular Board of Governors meeting conducted on November 13, 2022 at which meeting, there was a quorum and acting all throughout, adopted the following Resolution;


RESOLUTION NO. 071 SERIES OF 2022


RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to request all Senators and Congressmen to support the recognition of the Philippine Medical Association, Inc. as the accredited integrated national organization for physicians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this 13th day of November 2022 at Quezon City.

  
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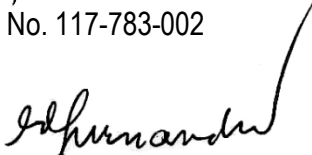
  
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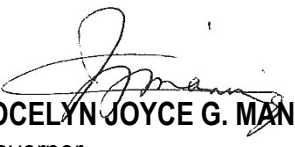
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