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BATANGAS CITY

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-338 S. 2023

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING DRAG ARTIST AMADEUS FERNANDO PAGENTE AS
PERSONA NON GRATA IN BATANGAS CITY**

WHEREAS, Amadeus Fernando Pagente in real life, also known as "Pura Luka Vega" is a drag queen who performed the controversial Remix Version of "Ama Namin" dressed up as Jesus Christ of Nazarene in a local bar;

WHEREAS, his impersonation of Jesus in his dancing and singing performance, to the tune of Sacred Biblical Prayer "Ama Namin" with matching sacred costume to boot, shows mockery of the Christian faith and is completely disrespecting the Lord's Prayer;

WHEREAS, although freedom of expression is constitutionally protected, it is not absolute. The freedom of expression must be understandably and responsibly exercised without violating the laws, public order, public policy, and morals;

WHEREAS, freedom of expression shall not be abused in accordance with **Article 19, 20 and 21 of the Civil Code of the Philippines**;

Article 19. Every person must, in the exercise of his rights and in the performance of his duties, act with justice, give everyone his due, and observe honesty and good faith.

Article 20. Every person who, contrary to law, willfully or negligently causes damage to another, shall indemnify the latter for the same.

Article 21. Any person who willfully causes loss or injury to another in manner that is contrary to morals, good customs or public policy shall compensate the latter for the damage.

WHEREAS, **Article 133** of the **Revised Penal Code** which penalizes acts offensive to the religious feelings, limits the freedom of expression and punishes blasphemous acts.

Article 133. Offending the religious feelings. - The penalty of arresto mayor in its maximum period to prison correccional in its minimum period shall be imposed upon anyone who, in a place devoted to religious worship or during the celebration of any religious ceremony shall perform acts notoriously offensive to the feelings of the faithful.



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WHEREAS, his deliberate insolent act of public performance is extremely blasphemous and offensive and deeply demeans the faith and sensibilities of our millions of Christian brothers and sisters;

WHEREAS, a rude and disrespectful act which Amadeus Fernando Pagente intentionally displayed shouldn't be a precedent to others.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, to declare Drag Artist Amadeus Fernando Pagente as PERSONA NON GRATA in Batangas City to protect majority of our Christian brothers and sisters' spiritual well-being.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."



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AUGUST 22, 2023