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DRAFT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TUGUEGARAO COMPONENT CITY POLICE STATION (TCCPS) HEADED BY CHIEF OF POLICE PLTCOL PEPITO A. MENDOZA JR. FOR HAVING APPREHENDED A HIGH VALUE TARGET INDIVIDUAL IN TUGUEGARAO CITY AND FOR HAVING SEIZED A SHABU WORTH P10.2M ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

**Sponsors:** Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II

Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag

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**WHEREAS,** Section 48 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as "Local Government Code of 1991" provides that Local legislative power shall be exercised by the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the city;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9165 otherwise known as "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" states that it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation.

WHEREAS, the government shall pursue an intensive and unrelenting campaign against the trafficking and use of dangerous drugs and other similar substances through an integrated system of planning, implementation and enforcement of anti-drug abuse policies, programs, and projects. The government shall however aim to achieve a balance in the national drug control program so that people with legitimate medical needs are not prevented from being treated with adequate amounts of appropriate medications, which include the use of dangerous drugs.

WHEREAS, shabu, also known as crystal methamphetamine or simply meth, is a powerful and highly addictive amphetamine that acts in the central nervous system and has a high potential for abuse;

WHEREAS, shabu is the most commonly used illegal drug in the Philippines, especially among low-income communities, and remains as the main drug of concern in the Philippines, constituting the majority of drug-related arrests and treatment admissions, with 92.06%.

**WHEREAS**, the Tuguegarao City Component Police Station was able to seize worth 10.2M shabu from a high value target individual in Tuguegarao City on September 5, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the confiscation was the result of a raid by the TCCPS in coordination with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in the house of the suspect known as Alias Macky, 39, married and a resident of Barangay Bagay, Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, before his arrest, the suspect was under surveillance and validation by the authorities after he was included in the watchlist of persons who are engaged in illegal activities;

WHEREAS, taken from the suspect were 16 sachets of shabu of about one-half kilo and a bag containing around one kilo of shabu, worth more or less P10.2M and a gun with ten bullets;

**WHEREAS**, the bravery and the outstanding commitment to service of the Tuguegarao Component City Police Station (TCCPS) headed by Chief of Police PLTCOL Pepito A. Mendoza Jr. is worthy of worthy of admiration and merit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to commend the Tuguegarao Component City Police Station (TCCPS) headed by Chief of Police PLTCOL Pepito A. Mendoza Jr. for having apprehended a high value target individual in Tuguegarao City and for having seized a Shabu Worth P10.2M on September 5, 2024.