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2 PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE  
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5 **OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

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7 Draft Provincial Resolution No. 2008 - 06 - 093

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9 Sponsored by Hon. Kristian R. Ablan, Shirley Ong Sin,  
10 Committee on Ways and Means, and Committee on Labor and Civil Service

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12 **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT TO SENATE BILL**  
13 **NO. 2293 ENTITLED, "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 34, 35,**  
14 **51 AND 79 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE**  
15 **KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997"**

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17 **WHEREAS**, with the continuous rise of food and gas prices, as well as other  
18 basic commodities, life is definitely much harder for the province's minimum wage  
19 earners;

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21 **WHEREAS**, as per estimate of the National Wages and Productivity Board, there  
22 are 7 million workers in the entire country earning the minimum wage;

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24 **WHEREAS**, considering that the latest wage order here in Region I mandates  
25 PhP 230.00-pay per day work and that the cost of living allowance for a family of six is  
26 computed at PhP 510.00 or PhP 15,300.00, it is such a great burden to minimum wage  
27 earners for government to still take away a portion of their already subsistence-level  
28 earnings as income tax;

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30 **WHEREAS**, Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "the State  
31 shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and  
32 independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that  
33 provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living,  
34 and an improved quality of life for all;"

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36 **WHEREAS**, the National Internal Revenue Code should be amended in order to  
37 help the country's minimum wage earners improve their standard of living and over-all



1 quality of life by exempting them from the payment of income tax, and by increasing the  
2 basic personal exemptions of all individual taxpayers;

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, headed by Senator  
5 Francis G. Escudero, consolidated all proposals addressing this issue through Senate  
6 Bill No. 2293 entitled, "An Act Amending Sections 22, 24, 34, 35, 51 and 79 of Republic  
7 Act No. 8424, as amended, otherwise known as the National Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1997;"

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10 **WHEREAS**, the enactment of this measure into law would relieve the pressure  
11 off the country's 7 million minimum wage earners to provide for their families;

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it Resolved, as it is hereby Resolved, to express strong  
14 support to Senate Bill No. 2293 entitled, "An act amending sections 22, 24, 34, 35, 51  
15 and 79 of Republic Act No. 8424, as amended, otherwise known as the National  
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1997."

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18 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senate  
19 President Manuel B. Villar, Jr., Senator Francis G. Escudero, and House Speaker  
20 Prospero C. Nograles for their information and reference.

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22 **APPROVED**

