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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2021- 0252

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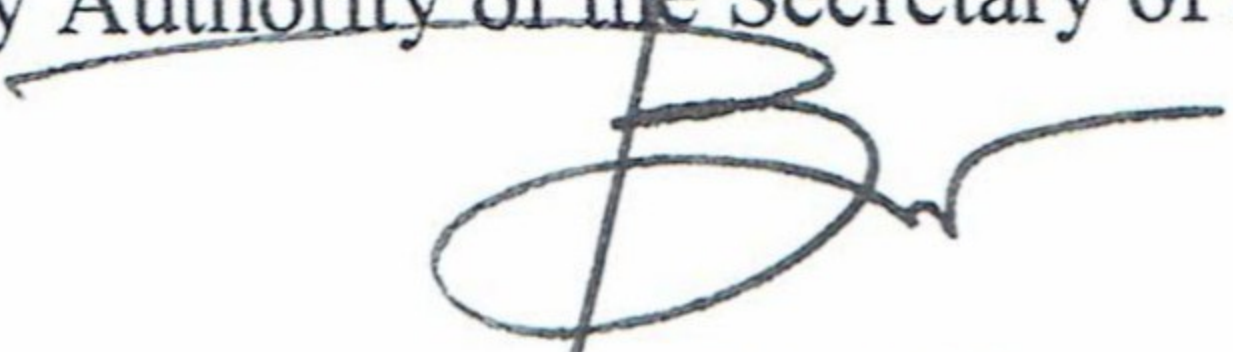
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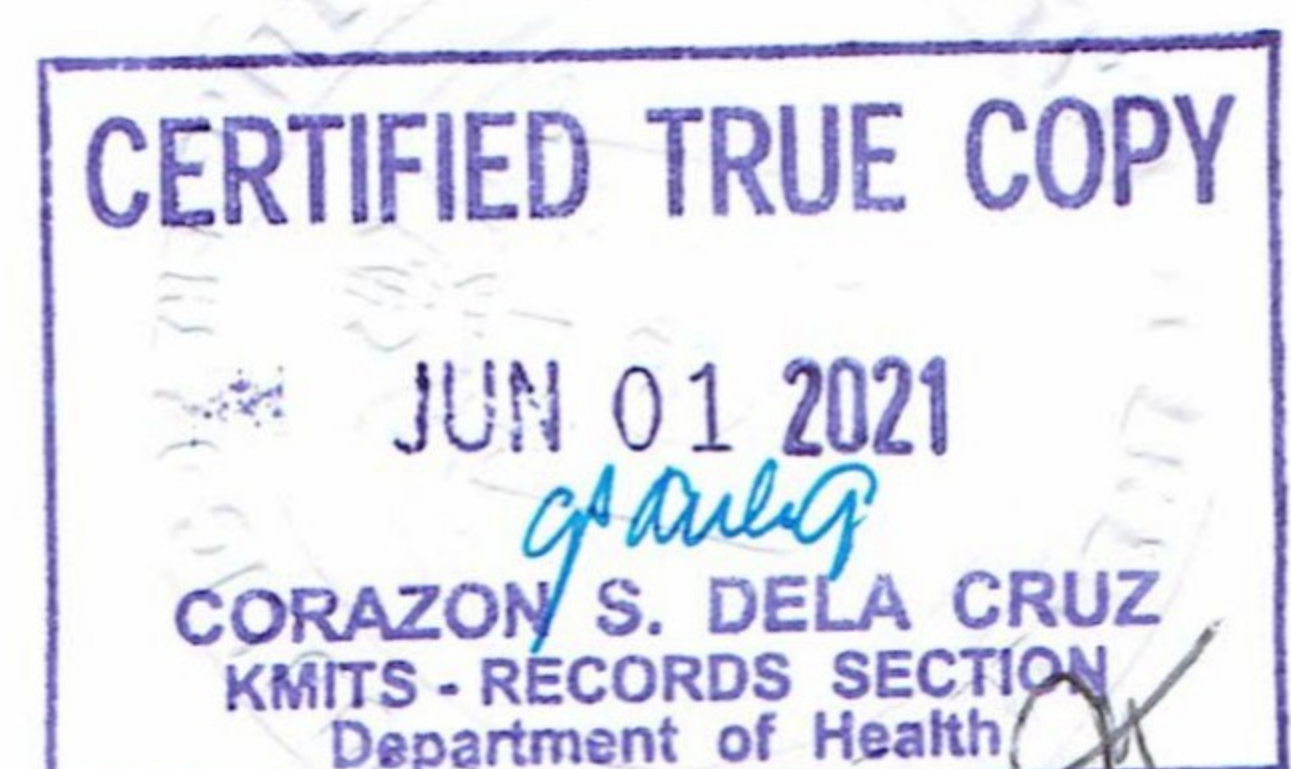
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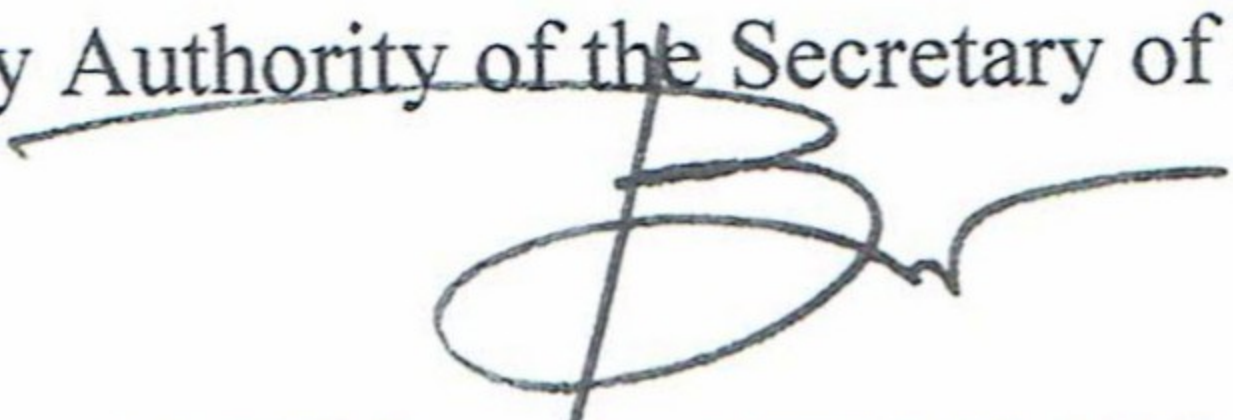
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