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REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE (RNC) Resolution No. 001, Series 2019

RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE LGUS TO REACTIVATE AND FUNCTIONALIZE THE LOCAL BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RA 8172 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ASIN LAW THROUGH THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SDC)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Republic Act 8172 also known as "An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN) Law there is a need to reactivate the Local Bantay Asin Task force.

WHEREAS, 8th National Nutrition Survey of FNRI-DOST states that only 11% of Households in Region VI met the recommended parts per million of Iodine in Salt.

WHEREAS, there is a need to monitor the presence of Iodine in Salt produced and consumed by households.

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide monitoring tool and equipment to ensure accuracy of Iodine content in salt.

WHEREAS, the Local Bantay Asin Task Force as the monitoring body remains non-functional and deactivaated at the local government units.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect the health of the people, to maintain effective food regulatory system, and to provide the entire population especially women and children with proper nutrition.

WHEREAS, the State shall promote the nutritional fortification of food to combat micronutrient malnutrition as a priority health program and one of the nutrition specific interventions under PPAN 2017-2022.

WHEREAS, the purpose of RA 8172 is to require all producers/manufacturers of food-grade salt to iodize the salt that they produce, manufacture, import, trade or distribute. Require the local government units (LGUs), through their health officers and nutritionist-dietitians, or in their absence through their sanitary inspectors, to check and monitor the quality of food-grade salt being sold in their market in order to ascertain that such salt is properly iodized.

WHEREAS, the Salt Iodization Advisory Boarb (SIAB) shall be composed of all members of the NNC Governing Body namely Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Department of Social Welfare and Development; Department of Education, Culture and Sports; Department of Science and Technology; Department of Interior and Local Government; Department of Labor snd Employment; Department of Trade and Industry; National Economic and Development Authority

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and its three (3) private sector representatives and a representative from the DENR, the medical profession and the salt manufacturers. It shall coordinate and monitor all activities concerning the salt iodization program from production and marketing, to public information campaign.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this resolution enjoins the local government units to reactivate the implementation of RA 8172 through the Social Development Committee (SDC).

RESOLVED FURTHER, the LGU shall support the development and sustainability of the salt industry through formulation of ordinances and information campaigns promoting the availability and use of iodized salt, provision of budget for the purchase of appropriate testing kits (WYD and solution), assistance to other government agencies in the implementation of the salt iodization program, monitoring and enforcing the quality of salt as provided by law through its respective health officers and nutritionist-dietitians or in their absence, through the sanitary inspectors and provide sanctions therein. The LGUs shall likewise ensure the licensing of salt producers and distributors by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and renewed every five (5) years.

APPROVED this June 14, 2019 in Iloilo City.

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