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RDC ExCom Resolution No. CAR-82
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ENJOINING ALL REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION TO IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028 KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT OF 2009

WHEREAS, breastmilk is the best food since it contains essential nutrients completely suitable for the infant's needs. It is also nature's first immunization, enabling the infant to fight potential serious infection;

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is the normal, natural and preferred method of feeding infants and young children;

WHEREAS, RA 10028, also known as the "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009", amended Republic Act No. 7600, or the "Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992";

WHEREAS, RA 10028 adopts a national policy to encourage, protect, and support the practice of breastfeeding, providing the specific measures that would present opportunities for mothers to continue expressing their milk and/or breastfeeding their infant or young child;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Chapter 3 of the said Act mandates all health and non-health facilities, establishments or institutions to establish lactation stations with the necessary equipment and facilities such as a private clean space to express milk (but not be located in the toilet and free from contaminants or hazardous substances), sink with running water for hand-washing, refrigeration or appropriate cooling facilities for storing expressed milk, electrical outlets for breast pumps, a small table and comfortable seats, and a small locker to store equipment;

WHEREAS, other provisions of RA 10028 are as follows:

1. Nursing employees shall be granted break intervals in addition to the regular time-off for meals to breastfeed or express milk, including the time it takes nursing employees to get to and from the workplace lactation station; this shall be counted as compensable hours worked;
2. All health and non-health facilities, establishments or institutions shall take strict measures to prevent any direct or indirect form of promotion, marketing, and/or sales of infant formula and/or breastmilk substitutes within the lactation stations, or in any event or circumstances which may be conducive to the same;
3. The Department of Health, with the assistance of other government agencies, professional and non-governmental organizations, shall conduct continuing information, education, re-education and training programs for physicians, nurses, midwives, nutritionist-dietitians, community health workers, birth attendants and other health workers on current and updated lactation management;

4. To encourage and promote breastfeeding, the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall integrate in the relevant subjects in the elementary, high school and college levels, especially in the medical and allied professions, the importance, benefits, methods or techniques of breastfeeding, and change of societal attitudes towards breastfeeding;
5. To raise public awareness on the importance of and to further promote breastfeeding, the month of August of each year shall be known as "Breastfeeding Awareness Month";

WHEREAS, provisions of this Law applies to all private enterprises as well as government agencies, including their subdivisions and instrumentalities, and government-owned and - controlled corporations.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT:


RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the Cordillera Regional Development Council duly assembled, enjoins, as by these presents it hereby enjoins, all regional line agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges, and other stakeholders of the Cordillera Administrative Region to implement RA 10028 known as the "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009".

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Regional Nutrition Committee shall provide the Regional Development Council, through the Regional Social Development Committee, regular progress reports on the implementation of RA 10028 in the region.

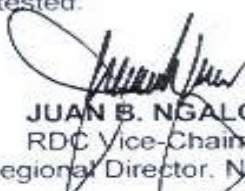
RESOLVED FINALLY that the National Nutrition Council – Cordillera Administrative Region and all concerned government agencies be furnished a copy of this resolution for information and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 8th day of July 2011 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Certified true and correct:


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