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RDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 47, s. 2011

ENJOINING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUPPORT THE I-RICE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the malnutrition problem in the country based on the survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute is more on deficiencies in energy, iron, Vitamin A, iodine, thiamin and riboflavin;

WHEREAS, the increasing intake of carbohydrates-rich and less nutritious foods brought about by rapid urbanization and changing lifestyle continues to contribute to the incidence of micronutrient deficiency adversely affecting the population's physical and mental development, work and economic productivity;

WHEREAS, recognizing the role to protect and promote the right to health of the people, the State enacted Republic Act 8976 otherwise known as the "Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000";

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA 8976 pointed out that "The State recognizes that food fortification is vital where there is a demonstrated need to increase the intake of an essential nutrient by one or more population groups, as manifested in dietary, biochemical or clinical evidences of deficiency";

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA 8976 calls for the mandatory food fortification of staple foods which include rice, wheat flour, refined sugar and cooking oil;

WHEREAS, the NFA as the prime mover of the grains industry leads the government efforts in the implementation of rice fortification program and as such was mandated to strengthen partnership and linkages with other government agencies, non-government organizations, private sectors and LGUs for the effective implementation of the Rice Fortification Program;

WHEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Regional Nutrition Council thru RNC Resolution No. 4, s. 2011, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin the concerned national government agencies and local government units to support and promote the I-Rice Program of the National Food Authority (NFA).

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the Department of Health, and the National Nutrition Council to take the lead in the promotional and advocacy activities as well as in the monitoring and evaluation of the I-rice program;

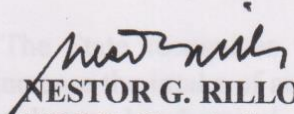
RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Agriculture to disseminate the I-rice program in their meetings and other fora at the grassroots level;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the RSDC through the RNC to provide feedback on the status of implementation of the I-rice program to the RDC on a quarterly basis;


RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of the resolution to all concerned entities for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED, this 24th day of August 2011 at the NEDA-I Conference Room, San Fernando City, La Union.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


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