Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2020 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. <u>2020-072-908</u>

ENCOURAGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE REGION TO PROVIDE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PACKS DURING DISASTERS, CALAMITIES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, the President declared a nationwide public health emergency on March 8, 2020, and placed the entire Luzon under series of community quarantines since March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, for specific periods of time, local government units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA were classified as low to moderate risk areas under the provisions of past resolutions of the both Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and the MIMAROPA Regional IATF;

WHEREAS, the nutritional status of vulnerable groups, infants, children, pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, elderly, and indigenous peoples is at high risk during calamities, disasters, and public health emergencies;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council, through its Nutrition Cluster, aims to prevent the adverse effects of the community quarantine on nutritional status of the population due to limited access and availability of nutritious food;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC), during its first meeting held on June 19, 2020, through videoconferencing, passed RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2020, "Seeking Support from RDC MIMAROPA to Request all LGUs in the Region to Provide Healthy and Nutritious Food Packs During Disasters, Calamities, and Public Health Emergencies;"

WHEREAS, the said resolution requests the LGUs to take action on the following: 1) include local fresh produce like fruits, vegetables, root, crops, legumes/beans/seeds, egg, meat/poultry/fish or pasteurized fresh milk in the family food packs; 2) buy fresh produce items directly from farmers and cooperatives in the community; 3) limit donations of foods high in fats, sugar, and/or salt unless healthier food alternatives are not accessible; 4) include recipes of nutritious dishes using the items from food donations;

and 5) include food items which are adequately fortified with vitamin A and iron or iodine or those with Sangkap Pinoy Seal;

WHEREAS, the Social Development Committee (SDC), during its SDC-RGADC 3rd quarter joint meeting held on August 7, 2020, through videoconferencing, recommended RDC support to the request of the RNC for all local government units in the region to provide healthy and nutritious food packs during disasters, calamities, and public health emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to strongly encourage all local government units in the region to provide healthy and nutritious food packs during disasters, calamities, and public health emergencies.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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