

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X Northern Mindanao

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X Resolution No. 59 (s. 2020)

SUPPORTING THE 46th NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATION AND ENJOINING THE REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES, LGUS, ACADEME/SCHOOLS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE REGION TO CONDUCT RELATED ACTIVITIES IN COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL (NNC)

- WHEREAS, the Nutrition Month is an annual campaign held every July to create greater awareness of the importance of nutrition among Filipinos per Presidential Decree 491 or the Nutrition Act of the Philippines (1974) which mandates the National Nutrition Council (NNC) to lead and coordinate the nationwide campaign;
- WHEREAS, the Nutrition Month celebration has been institutionalized by schools, local government units (LGUs), and other stakeholders;
- WHEREAS, the 2020 Nutrition Month focuses on preventing stunting among children with the theme "*Batang Pinoy, SANA TALL*... *Iwas stunting, SAMA ALL*!" expressing the aspiration of Filipino families to have children who can achieve their fullest potential by working together;
- **WHEREAS,** the sub-theme "*Iwas ALL din sa COVID-19!*" is added considering the pandemic and the ongoing implementation of community quarantine measure to contain its spread;
- WHEREAS, the celebration becomes more imperative to ensure proper nutrition among Filipinos, improve resilience against diseases, and minimize long-term effects of malnutrition;
- WHEREAS, the campaign aims to catalyze actions to: a) raise awareness on the impact of stunting and evidence-based solutions among families and communities leading to change in behaviors to prevent stunting; b) stimulate national and local (including communities) discourse on stunting to understand its causes and the multi-sectoral solutions for increased investments in interventions; and c) generate concrete commitments among various stakeholders to scale-up nutrition actions;
- **WHEREAS,** the NNC has identified the following activities to achieve the objectives in coordination with the various sectors:

LGUs:

- a. Update local nutrition action plans to align with the Updated Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2020-2022;
- b. Include nutrition actions with a corresponding budget in their annual investment plan/program for 2021 and onwards;

- c. Provide support services and activities related to the First 1,000 Days such as the conduct of *Idol ko si Nanay* and *Idol ko si Tatay* sessions on Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1,000 Days;
- d. Conduct nutrition month activities related to the theme such as cooking demonstrations on complementary food for mothers and caregivers, fora and seminars for parents, and activities for adolescents to prevent teen pregnancy;
- e. Conduct seminars for frontline workers including Barangay Nutrition Scholars to mobilize them to do counseling on the First 1,000 days; and
- f. Use the Operation *Timbang* Plus results to determine children 0-23 months old with faltering growth for interventions such as screening of pregnant women for nutrition risk, and dietary supplementation in the third trimester.

Academe/Schools:

- a. Conduct online seminars, fora, and other activities to increase awareness on stunting prevention;
- b. Mobilize school-based organizations to launch their initiatives relative to the prevention of stunting; and
- c. Conduct scientific researches related to stunting.

NGOs, civic groups, civil society, and the private sector:

- a. Work with government to determine how they can fill the gap in terms of service delivery; and
- b. Join the Philippine Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement;
- WHEREAS, the RDC-X Social Development Committee (SDC), during its meeting on 03 July 2020, recommended to the RDC-X to support the 46th National Nutrition Month Celebration in July 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on a motion by Regional Director Mylah Faye Aurora B. Cariño, CESO III of the National Economic and Development Authority-X and Vice-Chairperson of the RDC-X, and severally seconded, to support the 46th National Nutrition Month Celebration in July 2020, and enjoin the regional line agencies, LGUs, academe/schools, and the private sector in the region to conduct related activities in coordination with the NNC;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the central and regional offices of the NNC, and regional line agencies, LGUs, academe/schools, and the private sector in the region for their support and appropriate action.

Approved, 9 July 2020 122nd RDC-X Full Council Meeting *Via video conferencing through Google Meet*

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