



REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE X

Resolution No. 6, s. 2023

**SUPPORT TO THE IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS 6501, 7586, 7700,
AND 7869, 8051, 8581, AND 9123 OR THE “NUTRITION ACT OF 2023”.**

WHEREAS, improving nutrition sits at the core of global development and is vital in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

WHEREAS, statistics show that every day, 95 Filipino children die from malnutrition, and 2.7% do not get past their fifth birthday. A third of Filipino children are stunted, or short for their age;

WHEREAS, the Philippines ranked 5th among the countries in East Asia and the Pacific region with the highest prevalence of stunting in 2019, and among ten (10) countries globally with the highest number of stunted children. Unlike other countries, the Philippines showed very minimal progress in addressing the undernutrition in the country. The stunting prevalence among children under five years old improved from 33.8% in 2003 to 29.5% in 2018-2019. However, with slow decline and increase between 2008 (32.2%) and 2011 (33.7%), 2013 (30.3%) and 2015 (33.4%). The current nutrition situation is exacerbated by the unprecedented food, nutrition, fuel, and financial crises, setting the country back from ending all forms of malnutrition.

WHEREAS, the absence of maternal and child malnutrition leads to proper social, physical, and mental development including better school performance, more disease-free years, higher earning capacity, more family savings, and happier family life as envisioned in the Ambisyon Natin 2040

WHEREAS, the role of the government to ensure proper nutrition of Filipino families and their members were emphasized in the 2023-2028 Philippine Development Plan and the Regional Development Plan of Region 10 - Sub-Chapter 6.1 Ensure Food Security and Proper Nutrition;

WHEREAS, The National Nutrition Council (NNC) was created under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 491, s. 1974, also known as the Nutrition Act of the Philippines, to formulate an integrated national program on nutrition.

WHEREAS, a strengthened NNC can respond more effectively and efficiently to the persistent malnutrition in the country, and improve and strengthen the systems of coordination and implementation of nutrition governance at all levels;

WHEREAS, the House Bill (HB) No. 6501, or the “Act of Strengthening the National Nutrition Council Repealing for this purpose Presidential Decree No. 491” filed at the 19th Congress by Cagayan de Oro City Second District Representative Rufus E. Rodriguez seeks to expand the power and function of NNC to ensure food security and proper nutrition.

WHEREAS, the Bill seeks to rename NNC to “National Nutrition Commission” which shall be attached to the Office of the President for general direction and coordination;



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WHEREAS, in support of HB 6501, several House Bills were also filed in the 19th Congress, to wit:

- i. House Bill No. 7586 by Rep. Wilbert T. Lee;
- ii. House Bill No. 7700 by Rep. Lani Mercado- Revilla, Bryan B. Revilla and Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III;
- iii. House Bill No. 7869 by Rep. Ma. Lucille Nava;
- iv. House Bill No. 8051 by Rep. Midy N. Cua
- v. House Bill No. 8581 by Rep. Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos
- vi. House Bill No. 9123 by Rep. Marie Bernadette G. Escudero

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the RNC X in a meeting duly assembled to support the immediate approval of House Bills 6501, 7586, 7700, and 7869, or the "Nutrition Act of 2023";


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NNC Region X shall elevate this resolution to the Regional Development Committee for advocacy and support;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the NNC Region X being the Secretariat of the RNC X to furnish the NNC Central Office, and all members of the RNC, a copy of this Resolution for information and support.


APPROVED, 10 October 2023

Joint RNC, RNCI, RTWG and ECCD-F1K RTWG 2nd Semester Meeting
Chali Resort and Conference Center, Cagayan de Oro City

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