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**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

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**RSDC - CAR Resolution No. 1, series of 2019**

**ENCOURAGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE ASIN LAW AND TO ESTABLISH LOCAL BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE AND USE IODINE CHECKER MACHINES IN TESTING PRESENCE AND LEVEL OF IODINE IN SALT SAMPLES**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 8172, "An Act Promoting the Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes" aims to address the deficiency of mineral iodine, one of the common micronutrient deficiencies which according to WHO is the world's most prevalent, yet easily preventable cause of brain damage;

**WHEREAS**, deficiency in iodine leads to goiter, decreased fertility rate, growth retardation, increased infant mortality, reduced intellectual capacity, new-born hypothyroidism, stillbirth, spontaneous abortion and cretinism;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2013 National Nutrition Survey, 46.9 percent of the pregnant women are iodine deficient as well as 41.8 percent and 26.4 percent lactating women and 6-12 years old children, respectively, are suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force monitoring results for 2017 showed that only one out of every ten salt samples tested with iodine checker machine showed adequate salt iodine content, 3 out of 10 are with zero iodine content, and 6 out of ten are iodized but below the required iodine level;

**WHEREAS**, one of the programs included in the Updated Regional Plan of Action on Nutrition for 2019-2022 for the attainment of better health and nutrition outcomes is on Mandatory Food Fortification through the conduct of advocacy for and compliance monitoring of RA 8172;

**NOW THEREFORE, ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) encourages all local government units to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of the Asin Law and to establish Local Bantay Asin Task Force and use iodine checker machines in testing presence and level of iodine in salt samples;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Regional Implementation Coordination Team for information and appropriate action.

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The round metal gong of the Cordillera known locally as "gangsa" is a symbol of the upland people's culture that has been passed on from generations to another.  
The profile of a person blowing a "tangguyob" represents a community being called for an important matter or action.  
The lines that shape the mountains, the rice terraces, clouds and rivers symbolize the connectivity and flow of human interaction in a geographic area such as the Cordillera.



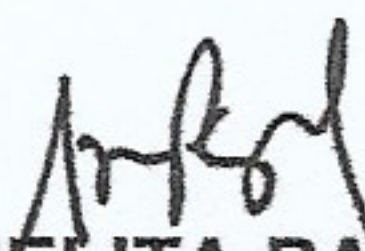


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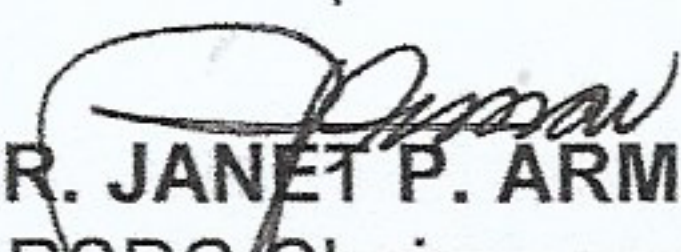
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