Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE Caraga Region

RNC Resolution No. 01 Series of 2021

ENJOINING ALL REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, ACADEME, THE MEDIA, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SUPPORT THE 47TH NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH CELEBRATION AND CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 491, otherwise known as the Nutrition Act of the Philippines Section 2, provides that, "The Government of the Philippines hereby declare that nutrition is now a priority of the government to be implemented by all branches of the government in an integrated fashion";

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Presidential Decree 491 designates the month of July as the Nutrition Month (NM), "for the purpose of creating greater awareness among our people on the importance of nutrition", guided by a chosen theme to highlight an important and timely concern on nutrition;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council Technical Working Group approved the 47th Nutrition Month theme which is, "*Malnutrisyon Patuloy na Labanan First 1000 Days Tutokan*!", expressing the need to sustain nutrition efforts to fight malnutrition;

WHEREAS, the First 1000 Days is globally recognized as the "golden window of opportunity" for nutrition and related interventions to have a positive impact on the child's physical and mental development;

WHEREAS, good nutrition of both mother and child is an important driver for a child to achieve maximum growth and development potential that has lasting and profound effect in the life course;

WHEREAS, it is during the First 1000 Days of life when growth faltering happens and studies have shown a link between undernutrition, especially stunting, in the early years of life and overnutrition in the child's later years and consequent development of non-communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, stunting is an irreversible outcome of poor nutrition and repeated bouts of infection during the First 1000 Days;

WHEREAS, the 47th Nutrition Month campaign aims to highlight the importance of nutrition, especially in the First 1000 Days of life, stimulate discussions on how to combat malnutrition, and encourage the participation of various sectors to promote nutrition;

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WHEREAS, the support of the regional line agencies (RLAs), local government units (LGUs), the academe, the media, and the private sector is crucial in attaining the objectives of the 47th National Nutrition Month celebration and create wider dissemination of its advocacies by conducting related activities in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Caraga Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) in a meeting duly assembled and upon recommendation of the Regional Nutrition Technical Working Group, to enjoin the RLAs, LGUs, the academe, the media and the private sector to support and conduct Nutrition Month activities in coordination with the National Nutrition Council.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to RNC member agencies and be endorsed to the Regional Development Council – Social Development Committee for consideration and appropriate action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY this 26th day of March 2021 in Butuan City.

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