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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
 Cordillera Administrative Region

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RDC-CAR Resolution No. 54
 Series 2014

**ENCOURAGING ALL CORDILLERA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO
 ENSURE THE GENERAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR
 CONSTITUENTS THROUGH THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
 BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR PROGRAM AND THE DESIGNATION OF
 FULL-TIME NUTRITION ACTION OFFICERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
 AREAS OF JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, the Cordillera Regional Development Council recognizes that healthy citizens are the greatest assets a country can have;

WHEREAS, the Cordillera National Nutrition Council (NNC-CAR) reports that undernutrition continues to persist in the region with wide variations in LGU performance on the implementation of nutrition programs and nutritional status;

WHEREAS, the results of the 2013 Operation Timbang showed that the regional average of undernutrition prevalence among pre-school children in the Cordillera Administrative Region is 4.98 percent, with 51 percent of municipal local government units having undernutrition prevalence above the regional average;

WHEREAS, NNC-CAR reports that while the prevalence of underweight 0-5 year-old children in CAR continued to drop from 5.25 percent in 2012 to 4.98 percent in 2013, such decrease still falls short of the 4.17 target for the year; there is therefore a need for government to step up the implementation of programs and projects that will help improve the nutritional status of the region's children.

WHEREAS, one such program is the Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Program which is a human resource development strategy of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition; it involves the recruitment, training, deployment and supervision of volunteer workers or barangay nutrition scholars (BNS). Presidential Decree No. 1569 mandates the deployment of one BNS in every barangay in the country to monitor the nutritional status of children and/or link communities with nutrition and related service providers.

WHEREAS, DILG Memo Circular 2012-89, in support to the Local Government Code that mandates LGUs to provide social services like health and nutrition, encourages LGUs to designate a nutrition action officer, with adequate office and staff support that include district/city nutrition program coordinators, and

provide opportunities for continuous capacity building and development for the nutrition staff;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Cordillera Regional Development Council (CAR RDC) encourages all Cordillera Local Government Units to ensure the health and well-being of their constituents through the strict implementation of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program and the designation of full-time nutrition action officers in their respective areas of jurisdiction.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that concerned Cordillera RLAs such as the DOH, NNC and DILG shall provide technical and financial assistance to the LGUS in implementing the above programs.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that the LGUs and RLAs, through NNC, regularly update the CAR RDC of their compliance with this resolution.

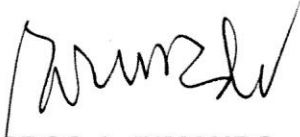
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Cordillera LGUs and concerned RLAs for appropriate action.

APPROVED this 8th day of October 2014 in Baguio City, Philippines.

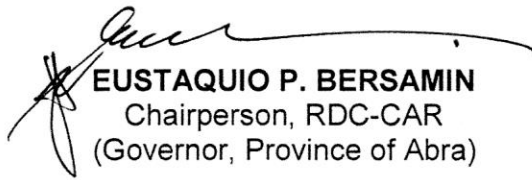
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