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RNC-NCR RESOLUTION NO. 03
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**RESOLUTION ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN NCR
TO DEPLOY AT LEAST ONE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR (BNS)
IN EVERY BARANGAY OF THEIR CITY/MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS, in 2010, 95.13% or 1,746,192 of preschool children in the National Capital Region were weighed through Operation Timbang (OPT);

WHEREAS, out of the children weighed, 2.12%, 0.61%, 1.19% are underweight, severely underweight and overweight, respectively;

WHEREAS, based on the 7th National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute-DOST, NCR has moderate (23.7%) and high (42.5%) prevalence of anemia among children aged six months to five years old and pregnant women, respectively;

WHEREAS, on the same survey, NCR was found to have mild Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) among pregnant women;

WHEREAS, Vitamin A deficiency is still a public health problem but has decreased from severe in 2003 to moderate in 2008 among preschool children, and to mild among pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, with the existing problem of double burden of malnutrition, there is a need for increased participation of the community in nutrition program; wider outreach of nutrition interventions and increased coverage of target groups;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) are community-based workers who are tasked to identify, locate and monitor nutritionally at-risk children, assist in the delivery of nutrition and nutrition-related services in their area of deployment and refer nutritionally at-risk families to service providers;

WHEREAS, the BNS is recognized as one of the critical human resources that could contribute to the improvement of the barangay nutrition situation and to the achievement of the goals of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition and Millennium Development Goals;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 1569 entitled, "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) in every barangay, Providing Funds Thereof, and For Other Purposes", mandates the deployment of at least one BNS in every barangay in the country to monitor the

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nutritional status of children and/or link communities with nutrition and related service providers;

WHEREAS, the BNS Program shall be implemented by the Local Government Units under the chair of the Local Nutrition Committee i.e. City/Municipal Nutrition Committee chaired by the Mayor and the Barangay Nutrition Committee chaired by the Barangay Captain;

WHEREAS, the LGUs are responsible for providing funding support to the BNS Program;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council is responsible for formulating the rules and regulation, and plans and programs within the limits set forth in the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as the Committee hereby resolves to enjoin all Local Government Units in the National Capital Region to deploy at least one (1) BNS in every barangay in their city/municipality;

RESOLVED FURTHER, copies of this resolution be furnished to the National Nutrition Council-Central Office and member agencies of the Regional Nutrition Committee of NCR.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 10th day of December 2010 at Mandaluyong City during the joint meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Management Group.


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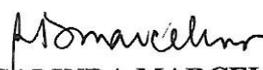
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