

Republic of the Philippines  
National Economic and Development Authority  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL XII**



*Excerpts from the Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Regional Development Council (RDC) XII on 21 June 2011 at Lady M Restaurant and Convention Center, Kidapawan City*

**RDC XII Resolution No. 94, series of 2011**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) XII TO ISSUE A CIRCULAR/DIRECTIVE REQUIRING ALL BUS OPERATORS IN REGION XII TO DESIGNATE A BREASTFEEDING SEAT/CORNER INSIDE THEIR BUSES**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10028 or the Expanded Promotion Breastfeeding Act of 2009, mandates all private and public institutions, establishments, medical and non-medical, to establish lactation facilities in the workplace with appropriate equipment and facilities, as well as, lactation program to allow nursing employees to express their milk for the nourishment of their babies;

**WHEREAS**, in support to the implementation of RA 10028 and facilitate strict compliance by the local government units, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), issued Memorandum Circular No. 2011-54 on April 19, 2011 enjoining all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to promote breastfeeding and its benefits in the localities and implement the setting-up of breastfeeding stations with appropriate lactation program in their respective offices within three months upon issuance of the Circular;

**WHEREAS**, DILG Circular further urges all LCEs to include the setting-up of a workplace lactation program as one of the requirements prior to the issuance of business permits to private companies and investors in their localities;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) XII recognizes the need for the setting-up or the designation of a breastfeeding seat/corner inside the buses to provide privacy for the lactating mothers to breastfeed their babies while in transit;


**WHEREAS**, considering that the LGUs may not have direct authority over the operation of bus companies plying the national highway, the Committee deemed it necessary to seek the assistance of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) XII on this matter;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Karl Vincent Queipo, Chairperson of Regional Social Development Committee XII and duly seconded by Regional Director Alimbzar P. Azum of Telecommunication Office XII, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, That RDC XII request LTFRB XII to issue a circular/directive requiring all bus operators in the region to designate a breastfeeding seat/corner inside buses for use by the lactating mothers while in transit.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to LTRFB Central Office and Regional Office XII, for support and/or appropriate action.

**DONE** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2011, in Kidapawan City, Cotabato Province, Philippines.

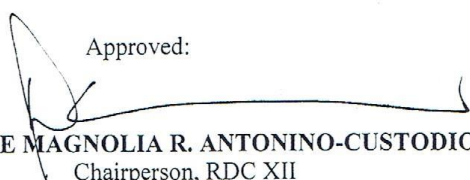
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