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Regional Development Council (RDC) IX
Resolution No. IX- 021-11

**A RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION-CHILD GROWTH STANDARDS FOR
MONITORING NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF 0-5 YEARS OLD CHILDREN
IN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA**

- WHEREAS,** the National Nutrition Council Governing Board and the Regional Nutrition Committee Zamboanga Peninsula in Resolution No. 2, s. 2008 and Resolution No.1, s. 2011, respectively, had adopted the new WHO Child Growth Standards (CGS) for use for children 0-5 years old in the Philippines;
- WHEREAS,** the WHO CGS is based on the results of a Multicenter Growth Reference Study, a longitudinal study conducted between 1997 and 2003 with sample children from a diverse set of countries i.e., Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman and the USA, in order to consider ethnic, genetic, and cultural variations in how children were nurtured;
- WHEREAS,** the WHO CGS sets the benchmark for growth and development of all children from birth to age five and defines how children should grow with a premise that any deviation from the pattern it describes is evidence of abnormal growth;
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2010-0015 adopted the WHO CGS for the assessment of nutritional status of children 0-5 years old and in the conduct of growth monitoring, promotions and Operation Timbang activities;
- WHEREAS,** the DOH AO No. 2010-0015 provides that the standard measurement indicators to measure child's growth are: 1) weight for age for 0 – 71 months old; 2) length for age for 0 – 23 months or height for age for 24 – 71 months old; and 3) weight for length for 0 – 23 months or weight for height for 24 – 71 months; and the utilization of the new Early Childhood Care and Development cards for growth monitoring and promotions which will need the retooling of the growth monitoring and promotions activities and will require the funding support of the local government units;
- WHEREAS,** the subject matter was favorably supported by the Social Development Committee (SDC) IX during its meeting on August 19, 2011;



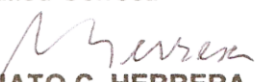
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the RDC IX enjoins the LGUs to adopt the WHO-Child Growth Standards for Monitoring Nutritional Status of 0-5 years old children in Zamboanga Peninsula;

Resolved Further, that the budget for the procurement and reproduction of appropriate measuring tools and assessment forms be charged against the DOH annual grant to LGUs as part of devolved health programs, implementation under the Provincial/ City Investment Plan for Health.

Passed:

137th RDC IX Meeting
Siayan Training Center
Siayan Municipality, Zamboanga del Norte
September 1, 2011

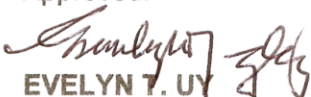
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Attested:


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Approved:


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Regional Development Council (RDC) IX
Resolution No. IX- 022-11

**A RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUPPORT
THE IRON-FORTIFIED RICE PROGRAM IN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA**

- WHEREAS,** the result of the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) in 2008 revealed that micronutrient malnutrition particularly the iron deficiency anemia (IDA) continues to be a public health concern among Filipinos affecting more seriously the infants, pregnant and nursing mothers at 55.7%, 42.5% and 31.4%, respectively;
- WHEREAS,** the consequences of IDA, among others, are fatigue causing reduced work potential and productivity among adults, poor cognitive development among children, low birth weight and poor immune system among infants, and contributes to maternal mortality among pregnant mothers;
- WHEREAS,** the government through the Department of Health has embarked on a food fortification program as one of its strategies to fight and eliminate micronutrient malnutrition in the country;
- WHEREAS,** the Republic Act NO. 8976 An Act Establishing the Philippine Food Fortification Program and For Other Purposes or otherwise known as the "Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000" had identified five basic commodities for mandatory iron fortification that included rice;
- WHEREAS,** the National Food Authority leads the government's effort in the implementation of the rice fortification program and has introduced in the market the *I-Rice* or iron fortified rice to supplement the population's need for the micronutrient to prevent IDA among the at-risk groups;
- WHEREAS,** the result of the study conducted by the FNRI on the effect of iron fortified rice on anemia, published in the Food & Nutrition Bulletin Vol 32 No.1 March 2011, showed significant decrease in anemia among children from 17.5% to 12.8% and among mothers at 13.0% to 12.5% after 9 months of study;
- WHEREAS,** the subject matter was favorably supported by the Social Development Committee IX during its meeting on August 19, 2011;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the RDC IX enjoins all local government units to Support the Iron-Fortified Rice Program in Zamboanga Peninsula.

Passed:

137th RDC IX Meeting
Siayan Training Center
Siayan Municipality, Zamboanga del Norte
September 1, 2011


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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE MEETING (RNC)
HELD ON MARCH 31, 2011 AT THE SKY PARK HOTEL, ZAMBOANGA CITY

RESOLUTION NO.1, SERIES OF 2011

RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT
THE WHO-CHILD GROWTH STANDARDS FOR MONITORING NUTRITIONAL STATUS
OF 0-5 YEARS OLD CHILDREN IN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA AND TO PROVIDE BUDGET FOR PROCUREMENT AND
REPRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATE MEASURING TOOLS AND ASSESSMENT FORMS

- WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board in its Resolution No. 2 Series of 2008 had adopted the new WHO Child Growth Standards for use for Children 0-5 years old in the Philippines;
- WHEREAS, the WHO CGS is based on the results of a Multicenter Growth Reference Study (MGRS), a longitudinal study conducted between 1997 and 2003 with sample children from a diverse set of countries i.e. Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman and the USA in order to consider ethnic, genetic, and cultural variations in how children were nurtured;
- WHEREAS, the WHO CGS sets the benchmark for growth and development of all children from birth to age five and defines how children should grow with a premise that any deviation from the pattern it describes are evidence of abnormal growth;
- WHEREAS, the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2010-0015 provides for a Revised Policy on Child Growth Standards adopts the WHO CGS for the assessment of nutritional status of children 0-5 years old and in the conduct of growth monitoring and promotions and Operation Timbang activities;
- WHEREAS, the DOH AO No. 2010-0015 provides that the standard measurement indicators to measure child's growth are 1) weight for age for 0 – 71 months old; 2) length for age for 0 – 23 months or height for age for 24 – 71 months old; and 3) weight for length for 0 – 23 months or weight for height for 24 – 71 months and the utilization of the new ECCD cards for growth monitoring and promotions which will need the retooling of the Growth Monitoring and Promotions activities and will require the funding support of the local government units;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the Local Government Units of Zamboanga Peninsula to fully adopt the use of the WHO Child Growth Standard in the nutritional assessment of 0 – 71 months old children and to provide the necessary budget for the procurement and reproduction of the appropriate measuring tools (salter weighing scales and height board) and ECCD Cards.

RESOLVED FURTHER for the Regional Nutrition Committee secretariat to disseminate the RNC Resolution to all the local government units in Zamboanga Peninsula for appropriate action.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March 2011 at Sky Park Hotel, Zamboanga City.

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