



RDC VIII Resolution No. 27, Series of 2021

**ENDORISING THE EASTERN VISAYAS
COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP)
TO THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA) BOARD**

WHEREAS, Eastern Visayas is one of the top coconut producers in the Philippines with more than 300,000 hectares area planted and harvested with coconut;

WHEREAS, the full economic potential of the industry, however, has not been achieved yet due to lack of supportive policies and directions for its rehabilitation and development;

WHEREAS, the RDC VIII passed Resolution No. 61, s. 2015, entitled *Adopting the 2014-2016 Eastern Visayas Coconut Industry Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan* to revive the industry, surpass its productivity during the pre-Yolanda period, provide sustainable and higher incomes to farmers, consider the existing and future demand for coconut, and improve the crop's resilience to risks;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11524, also known as the "*Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act*", signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 26 February 2021, aims to modernize the industry and consolidate the benefits due to the coconut farmers, especially the poor and marginalized, under various statutes, and expedite the delivery thereof;

WHEREAS, the Act provides for the formulation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) to increase the productivity and income of coconut farmers, alleviate poverty, provide education, promote social equity, rehabilitate and modernize the coconut industry, and set the directions and policies for its development;

WHEREAS, the utilization of the Trust Fund created under the Act or any portion thereof shall be in accordance with the Plan, and the programs and projects that would be implemented using the said fund shall include: 1) community-based enterprises, including integrated processing of products and downstream products intended to increase incomes of coconut farmers; 2) social protection that directly benefits coconut farmers, farmworkers, and their families, taking into consideration existing social protection programs of the government; 3) coconut farmers' organization and development; 4) innovative research projects and their practical application on coconut processing, production, and distribution towards developing the local coconut industry; and 5) integrated processing of coconut and downstream products;

WHEREAS, the PCA Regional Office VIII has been tasked to formulate the regional plan as input to the national CFIDP through consultations with the coconut farmers and their organizations, industry associations, civil society organizations, academe, and concerned government agencies;

WHEREAS, to fast-track the implementation of the law and to produce the CFIDP, the PCA VIII conducted a series of workshops and a consultative meeting with key stakeholders, and the output therefrom was presented during the Second Quarter RDC VIII-Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting, with a copy of the Eastern Visayas CFIDP hereto attached as Annex A;

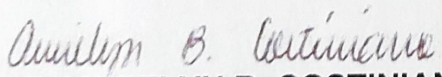
WHEREAS, foregoing considered and upon recommendation of the RDC VIII-EDC per Resolution No. 11, Series of 2021, this Council also expressed support for the regional CFIDP in the interest of the coconut farmers/processors and the advancement of the coconut industry in the region, thereby achieving the regional goals of a robust and sustained economic growth and reduced poverty and inequality in all dimensions, and the *Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay Para sa Lahat* as embodied in the *AmBisyon Natin 2040*.


NOW, THEREFORE, upon the motion of RDC VIII-EDC Chairperson and Department of Tourism VIII Regional Director Karina Rosa S. Tiopes, duly seconded by RDC VIII Private Sector Representative for Women, Ms. Anita M. Ogrimen, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to endorse the Eastern Visayas Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan to the PCA Board.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 8th day of July Two Thousand and Twenty-One, in a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.


Certified true and correct:

Attested:


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