



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 03

Series of 2024

APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

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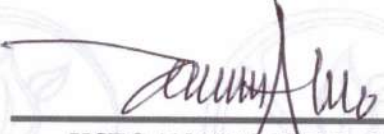
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NOW, THEREFORE, this Board, by virtue of the power vested in it by R.A. 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the improved implementing guidelines for the youth internship program of NOAP;




RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Board Resolution and the corresponding Draft Memorandum Circular entitled, **"IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE"** be forwarded to the Office of the Agriculture Secretary for the issuance of the corresponding Circular;

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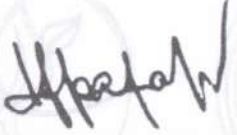
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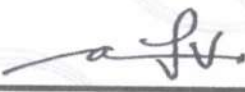



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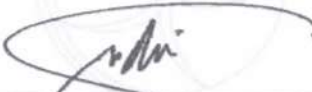
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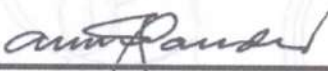
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Annex A. Provisions Improved from MC No. 40 Series of 2022

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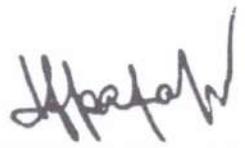
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