



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 01
Series of 2019

REQUIRING THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD GOVERNMENT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO DESIGNATE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FOCAL PERSONS IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program ("NOAP" or "Program");

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA No. 10068 to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the Program;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of RA No. 10068 states that the NOAB shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture, or his duly authorized permanent representative, with a rank of Undersecretary, as Chairperson; the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, or his duly authorized permanent representative, as Vice Chair; the Secretary of Science and Technology, or his duly authorized permanent representative; the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, or his duly authorized permanent representative; the Secretary of Education, or his duly authorized permanent representative; the Secretary of Agrarian Reform, or his duly authorized permanent representative; the Secretary of Trade and Industry, or his duly authorized permanent representative; the Secretary of Health, or his duly authorized permanent representative; three (3) representatives from the small farmers; and a representative each from the NGOs involved in sustainable agriculture for at least three (3) years; agricultural colleges and universities; and private sector or agribusiness firms; as members;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of RA No. 10068 provides the following functions of the NOAB: (1) formulate policies, plans, programs and projects to develop and promote organic agriculture production; (2) oversee the successful implementation of the NOAP; (3) identify sources of financing to expand organic agriculture; (4) monitor and evaluate the performance of programs for appropriate incentives; (5) undertake measures for the international recognition of local certification of organic products; (6) call upon any government agency to carry out and implement programs and projects identified by the NOAB; and (7) call upon private sectors, POs, NGOs and the academe to provide advice on matters pertaining to organic agriculture and conduct of capability-building initiatives to farmers, producers, extension workers, consumers and other stakeholder in agriculture sector in coordination with the ATI;

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WHEREAS, the NOAB as the body to oversee the successful implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program shall ensure that their respective Departments are complying with the mandates stipulated in the RA No. 10068;

WHEREAS, during the 57th NOAB Regular Meeting on January 16, 2019, the NOAB non-government members agreed to issue a resolution recommending the NOAB-member Departments to designate organic agriculture focal persons who shall facilitate in the compliance of their Departments with the mandates stipulated in the RA No. 10068;

WHEREAS, these organic agriculture focal persons shall endorse their accomplishment reports to the NOAB government permanent representatives of their respective Departments;


WHEREAS, the NOAB government permanent representatives shall provide their accomplishments and updates during the NOAB regular meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend the NOAB government permanent representatives to designate organic agriculture focal persons in their Departments.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB shall be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB via referendum:

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