



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 17

Series of 2017

**ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM (NOAP)
RESOLUTION NO. 01 SERIES OF 201 ENTITLED "RECOMMENDING THE NATIONAL
ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD (NOAB) TO ISSUE POLICY DIRECTIVES
ADDRESSING THE IDENTIFIED NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM
(NOAP) ISSUES AND CONCERNS"**

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (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, Rule 5.4. of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 10068 states that a separate and distinct line budget item for organic agriculture in the GAA shall be allocated for the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the NOAP and the operation of the NOAB. The DA, NOAB member agencies, concerned departments, GOCCs, GFIs, and LGUs are encouraged to allocate funds from their annual budget (GAA, IRA, LGU development fund, EDF, ODA, ACEF, etc. and private sector investment);

WHEREAS, Rule 5.5. of the IRR of RA No. 10068 provides for the implementation of the Organic Agriculture Program shall be focused on areas where delivery of support services is not adequately responded to, especially to farmers in marginal farm and coastal lands, in ancestral domains and agrarian reform areas subject to the prioritization criteria to be established by the NOAB;

WHEREAS, during the NOAP Mid-year Performance Assessment Workshop conducted last July 10-14, 2017 at the Philippine Carabao Center, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, the Regional Field Office (RFO) and Implementing Agencies (IA) Organic Agriculture Focal Persons resolved to issue NOAP Resolution No. 01 Series of 2017 recommending the NOAB to issue policy directives addressing the identified issues that affecting the implementation of the NOAP, to wit:

1. Baseline Data Gathering through the Result-based Monitoring and Evaluation System (Annex A);
2. Establishment of Guidelines for the Learning Sites specific for Organic Agriculture;



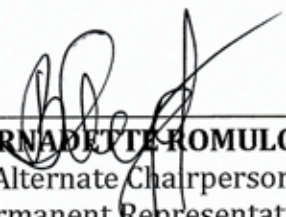
3. Inclusion of a requirement in the Guidelines for Project Proposal where the proponent must have its area third-party certified;
4. Creation of an Inter-agency Technical Working Group headed by the DA Planning and Monitoring Service (PMS) to Conduct Validation and Assessment of Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Waste for Organic Agriculture;
5. Implementation of NOAP by the NOAB Member Departments;
6. Implementation of Certification Assistance by the Regional Field Offices (Annex B);
7. Establishment, Operationalization, and Monitoring of Organic Trading Posts (Annex C);
8. Conduct of National Organic Agriculture Congress on October 23-26, 2017;
9. Provision of Consolation Prizes worth PhP 20,000.00 to National Organic Agriculture Achievers Awards – Outstanding Regional Organic Agriculture Focal Person Shortlisted Nominees, and PhP 10,000.00 to the Endorsed Nominees who met the minimum requirements; and
10. Conduct of joint planning exercise to ensure complementation and convergence of the RFO and the IA in the implementation of plans and projects on Organic Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to adopt NOAP Resolution No. 01 Series of 2017 entitled “Recommending the NOAB to Issue Policy Directives Addressing the Identified NOAP Issues and Concerns”.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NOAB shall issue policy directives to address the identified issues and concerns affecting the implementation of the NOAP.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, members of the NOAB, Program Coordinator of the NOAP-NPCO, and heads of all NOAP Operating Units be furnished with copies of this resolution for proper guidance and appropriate action.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board via referendum.



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