



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 23

Series of 2018

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 15th NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CONGRESS
(NOAC) THEME**

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)

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, the NOAC aims to converge the various stakeholders and supporters of the NOAP in the country into an event filled with knowledge sharing, skills enhancement and marketing opportunities;

WHEREAS, the NOAC envisions to actively involve these stakeholders on the enhancement and promotion of the Organic Agriculture program by discussing concerns, advocacies and best practices on organic agriculture, and integrating all of it into a formidable strategy for the advancement of the program;

WHEREAS, the NOAC further serves as venue for the recognition of the Philippines' achievers in the field of Organic Agriculture as the 2018 National Organic Agriculture Achievers Awardees;

WHEREAS, among the top three (3) proposed themes for the 15th NOAC, the NOAB agreed to adopt the theme "Organic Agriculture: Advancing the Local Food Culture Movement in the Philippines";

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to approve and adopt "Organic Agriculture: Advancing the Local Food Culture Movement in the Philippines" as the theme of the 15th NOAC Theme.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB, the Secretary of Agriculture, the NOAP National Program Coordinator, the Regional Director of DA-Regional Field Office VII, and heads of all NOAP operating units/implementing agencies be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on July 17, 2018:

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