



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 11
Series of 2020

**RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE IDENTIFICATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF STRATEGIC AREAS FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

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, Section 2 of the RA 10068 provides the policy of the state to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity, reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, further protect the health of farmers, consumers and the general public, and save on imported farm inputs;

WHEREAS, Rule 2.1 under Section 2 of the RA 10068 states that organic agricultural systems shall further promote the development of related community-based industries, namely organic agriculture, prime habitat and eco-tourism, among others. These communities provide clean, safe, nutritious and sufficient food, water, air and health conducive environments. Organic agriculture enhances food sovereignty and substantially contributes to food security;

WHEREAS, Rule 14.4 states that the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall serve as front liners in the implementation of the Act;

WHEREAS, in order to promote further the practice of organic agriculture in the localities, guidelines for the identification and management of strategic areas for organic agriculture in shall be issued collaboration with the LGU. The guidelines shall be harmonized with related policies and issuance of the Department of Agriculture and other Departments;

WHEREAS, the guidelines will be issued in order to provide guidance to the local government units (LGU) in assessing its eligibility as strategic areas for organic agriculture development including its management and protection, provide the roles and responsibilities of the concerned agencies relative to the identification and management of strategic areas for organic agriculture, and provide technical and other forms of assistance for the viability of identified strategic areas for organic agriculture;



WHEREAS, the NOAB, during its Technical Committee Meeting on May 28, 2020, recommended the issuance of a resolution for the approval of the guidelines for the identification and management of strategic areas for 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 recommend the approval of the guidelines for the identification and management of strategic areas for organic agriculture (ANNEX).

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the revised guidelines shall be subjected to further review of the Legal Service of the Department.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that should this recommendation be adhered to, the NOAB Secretariat shall immediately endorse the guidelines and its attachments to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROVED by the following Members of the NOAB on June 24, 2020:

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