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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

January 24, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **88** s. 2024

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) VIII
RESOLUTION NO. 57 SERIES 2023**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

- Attached is a copy of RDC VIII Resolution No. 57 s2023 titled "Adopting the 14th RDC-Private Sector Representative (PSR) National Convention (NatCon) Resolution No. 29, s. 2023, encouraging All RDCs to Ban Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam Products in All Their Meetings and Activities, and Recommending for All Local Government Units (LGUs) to Adopt the Same, and Further Enjoining National Government Agencies (NGAs) to Also Adopt the Same."
- All Schools Division Offices are requested to provide feedback on actions taken on the matter.
- For queries, contact the RDC VIII Junior Focal Gladys S. Sobrio at 0994-9780967 or email rdc8@nro8.neda.gov.ph, cc: nro8@neda.gov.ph.
- Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO CESO IV
 Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated

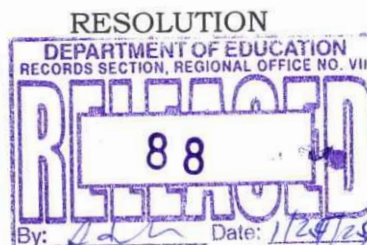
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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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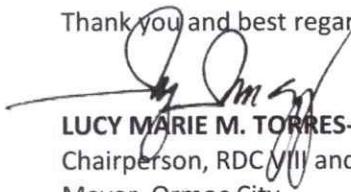
FOR : ALL RDC VIII MEMBER-AGENCIES

SUBJECT : RDC VIII Resolution No. 57, Series of 2023, "Adopting the 14th RDC-Private Sector Representative (PSR) National Convention (NatCon) Resolution No. 29, s. 2023, 'Enjoining All RDCs to Ban Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam Products in All Their Meetings and Activities, and Recommending for All Local Government Units (LGUs) to Adopt the Same,' and Further Enjoining National Government Agencies (NGAs) to Also Adopt the Same"

DATE : 16 January 2024

1. This is to respectfully provide you with the subject resolution passed during the Fourth Quarter 2023 RDC VIII Full Council Meeting held on 06 December 2023 at the Ormoc City Hall, Ormoc City and via Zoom.
2. The pressing issue of rising global plastic pollution demands our urgent attention. According to a 2021 study conducted by the World Bank, the Philippines stands as the third largest contributor to plastic pollution worldwide. It was found that 40 to 50 percent of the country's marine plastic waste originates from single-use plastics, such as grocery bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups, and cutlery. This alarming trend necessitates our prompt and decisive action to mitigate the environmental impact of plastic pollution.
3. Anent, the Council officially adopts the proposal to prohibit the use of single-use plastics in all its meetings and other activities and enjoins its members to likewise adopt the same in all their respective activities. This is particularly significant as the region strives to enhance its environmental health as espoused in the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Plan 2023-2028. Recognizing that achieving the regional goals requires collective efforts, the Council relies on your strong leadership in ensuring that the same is also enforced in your attached offices and local field units.
4. We will highly appreciate receiving feedback on actions taken by your good Office on the matter, such as memorandum circulars or other internal policy issuances, for reporting in the RDC VIII first quarter 2024 meeting and during the 15th RDC-PSR National Convention.
5. For queries, kindly contact the RDC VIII Junior Focal Gladys S. Sobrio at 09949780967, or email rdc8@nro8.neda.gov.ph, cc nro8@neda.gov.ph.

Thank you and best regards.


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 Chairperson, RDC VIII and
 Mayor, Ormoc City

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Eastern Visayas (Region VIII)

RDC VIII Resolution No. 57, Series of 2023

ADOPTING THE 14TH RDC-PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE (PSR) NATIONAL CONVENTION (NATCON) RESOLUTION NO. 29, S. 2023, ENJOINING ALL RDCs TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND STYROFOAM PRODUCTS IN ALL THEIR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES, AND RECOMMENDING FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ADOPT THE SAME, AND FURTHER ENJOINING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) TO ALSO ADOPT THE SAME

WHEREAS, prompted by the alarming rise of global plastic pollution, the United Nations (UN) Environment Assembly, the primary global authority on environmental matters, established an international legally binding agreement aimed at eradicating plastic pollution by 2024 and signed by 175 countries including the Philippines;

WHEREAS, based on a 2021 World Bank Study¹, the Philippines has been identified as the third largest contributor to global marine plastic pollution, with 40 to 50 percent of its marine plastic waste attributed to single-use plastics;

WHEREAS, single-use plastics and Styrofoam products are disposable items made from polystyrene, commonly used for plastic packaging and include items usually intended to be used only once, including grocery bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups and cutlery, among others;

WHEREAS, given this and in support of the UN's commitment, the Philippine Congress passed Republic Act (RA) No. 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility Act (EPRA) of 2022 mandating large companies to adopt and implement certain policies for the proper management of plastic packaging wastes;

WHEREAS, other related bills, such as Senate Bill No. 246, otherwise known as Single-Use Plastics Regulation and Management Act of 2022, and House Bill (HB) No. 507 have been filed in the 19th Congress to further regulate the manufacturing, importation, sale, and use of single-use products, with provisions for penalties, levies, and incentives, aiming to develop more integrated and comprehensive policies for plastic waste management;

WHEREAS, the National Solid Waste Management Commission also passed Resolution No. 1363, s. 2020, banning unnecessary single-use plastics in national government agencies, local government units, and government-owned and controlled offices;

WHEREAS, despite the aforementioned existing and proposed legislations, along with local ordinances issued by various LGUs in the country, which either regulate or outright ban the use

¹ "World Bank Group. 2021. Market Study for the Philippines: Plastics Circularity Opportunities and Barriers. East Asia and Pacific Region Marine Plastics Series; World Bank, Washington, DC. <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/35295> License: CC BY 3.0 IGO.

of single-use plastics, the ongoing issue of plastic pollution persists, intensified by improper solid waste disposal practices;

WHEREAS, during the 14th RDC-PSR NatCon held in Iloilo City on 26-28 April 2023, the RDC PSRs passed Resolution No. 19, Series of 2023, proposing that the RDCs actively advocate for the ban of single-use plastics as well as Styrofoam products, starting with the non-usage of such items in all its meetings and activities, and recommending for LGUs to adopt the same;

WHEREAS, the matter was likewise discussed during the fourth quarter 2023 meeting of the RDC VIII-Social Development Committee held on 28 November 2023, wherein said Committee agreed to endorse the same for adoption of the RDC VIII Full Council;


WHEREAS, the RDC VIII-SDC further agreed that the policy shall also be disseminated to and be enforced in all NGAs, in addition to LGUs, to ensure active participation from all stakeholders in the region and contribute more to the expeditious reduction of plastic waste generation;

WHEREAS, foregoing considered and upon recommendation of the RDC VIII-SDC through Resolution No. 31, Series of 2023, this Council finds merit in adopting the said proposal in cognizance of the importance of reducing waste generation, a priority strategy in the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Plan (EV RDP 2023-2028) to improve environmental health.


NOW, THEREFORE, upon the motion of the representative of Biliran Provincial Governor Gerard Roger M. Espina, Tiburcio A. Morales, Jr., duly seconded by RDC VIII-Development Administration Co-Chairperson and PSR for Disaster Resiliency, Judah S. Aliposa, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt the 14th RDC-PSR NatCon Resolution No. 29, s. 2023 which enjoins all RDCs to ban single-use plastics in all their meetings and activities, and recommends for all LGUs to adopt the same, and to further enjoin NGAs to also adopt the same.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 6th day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, during a blended meeting conducted at the Ormoc City Hall, Ormoc City and via Zoom.


Certified true and correct:


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Secretary, RDC VIII and
Assistant Regional Director, NEDA VIII

Attested:


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Approved:


LUCY MARIE M. TORRES-GOMEZ
Chairperson and Presiding Officer, RDC VIII
and Mayor, Ormoc City