



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2019 – 129

09 AUG 2019

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) CHIEF MINISTER, BARMM DILG MINISTER, PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SANGGUNIANs, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : PROMOTION OF ORGANIC GARDENS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

On 17 July 2019, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) issued Resolution No. 14, Series of 2019, recommending this Department and the Local Government Units (LGUs), through its *Gulayan sa Barangay* Program, to establish organic gardens based on the provisions of the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture.

In furtherance of the said NOAB Resolution and as the front liners in the implementation of the Republic Act No. 10068, also known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, all LGUs are directed to ensure a sustainable supply of organic produce and encourage the community to be self-sufficient.

The DILG-BARMM Minister and all concerned DILG Regional Directors are also directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within their respective jurisdictions.

Attached is the copy of NOAB Resolution No. 14, S. 2019 for the guidance of all concerned.


EDUARDO M. AÑO
Secretary





NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 14
Series of 2019

RECOMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THROUGH ITS GULAYAN SA BARANGAY PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH ORGANIC GARDENS BASED ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (PNS/BAFS 07:2016)

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 as the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA 10068 to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of RA 10068 recognizes the pivotal role of the Local Government Units (LGUs) as front liners in the implementation of this Act through the issuance of ordinances or resolutions adopting the Organic Agriculture Program as a strategy to address concerns on food security, environment, health and wellness and poverty alleviation;

WHEREAS, the integration of organic agriculture to the existing programs of the member departments of the NOAB was identified as an effective strategy to increase and sustain the adoption of organic agriculture that will contribute to the attainment of the Program's goal;

WHEREAS, the "Gulayan sa Barangay Program" is one of the hunger mitigation initiatives of the government that will ensure continuous supply of vegetables through encouraging the community to be self-sufficient and resourceful;

WHEREAS, the NOAB recognizes the alignment of the objectives of the "Gulayan sa Barangay Program" with the Program's outcome of contributing to improved health of the nation.

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 Department of Interior and Local Government and Local Government Units through its Gulayan sa Barangay Program to establish organic gardens based on the provisions of the Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture (PNS/BAFS 07:2016).

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Department of Agriculture through its Regional Field Offices and other Banner Programs shall provide assistance in the form of technical and production support for the establishment and sustainability of the organic school gardens.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Interior and Local Government, all members of the NOAB, the Program Coordinator of the National Organic Agriculture Program-National Program Coordinating Office, all Regional Executive Directors, and heads of all NOAP operating units/implementing agencies be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.



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APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on the 17th day of July 2019 in Makati City:

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