## Republic of the Philippines **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

## EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

## RDC Resolution No. <u>2021-076-1011</u>

## ENDORSING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) THE UTILIZATION OF POPCOM'S DEMOGRAPHIC VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL ON POPULATION DENSITY OF BARANGAYS TO HELP MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND IN AID OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AMONG LGUS IN PLANNING FOR RECOVERY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, fifty-eight percent of all barangay in MIMAROPA region recorded COVID-19 cases between September 2020 and April 2021, indicating the pattern by which COVID-19 virus transmission has been spreading may have some relationship with population density;

WHEREAS, 1,370 out of 1,458 barangays or 93.84 percent, in the region are greatly affected by COVID 19 and fall under low-density classification;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) formulated a tool for demographic vulnerability assessment of the communities to COVID-19 which is based on population density at the barangay level to assist local government units (LGUs) in crafting plans and programs in response to the current and future health emergencies and economic recovery;

WHEREAS, POPCOM MIMAROPA urges all LGUs to consider barangay population density classification in assessing and addressing the demographic vulnerabilities of communities vis-à-vis the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths recorded in low, medium, high, and very high population density barangays in the region;

WHEREAS, the Regional Population Executive Board of MIMAROPA, on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021, through Zoom video conference, passed RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021 recommending to RDC MIMAROPA, through the Social Development Committee (SDC), the POPCOM's demographic vulnerability tool on population density to mitigate the continued impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs;

WHEREAS, the Social Development Committee, on its third quarter meeting held on August 6, 2021, through Zoom video conference, recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse to the local government units the utilization of POPCOM's demographic vulnerability assessment tool on population density of barangays to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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2 ATTESTED: GOV. JOSE R/RIANO RDC Chairperson