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(EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC MIMAROPA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN PASAY CITY)

RDC Resolution No. <u>2023-083-1196</u>

SUPPORTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Philippine government has a long history of supporting early childhood care and education. Article II, Section 13, of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to promote and protect the well-being of children, while Republic Act No. 6972 and Republic Act No. 10410 mandate the establishment of daycare centers and the provision of consultative services for children:

WHEREAS, daycare workers ensure the safety, health, and well-being of young children in their care by implementing laws and regulations related to child care and creating nurturing environments for children;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) Region I, during its 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting held on 28 September 2022, passed Resolution No. 70, s. 2022, supporting the immediate approval of House Bill 6550, "An Act Instituting the Magna Carta of Day Care Workers and Providing Funds Therefor;"

WHEREAS, day care workers in the region face a number of challenges, including low salaries, lack of benefits, and limited opportunities for professional development especially on the geographically isolated and disadvantage areas (GIDA);

WHEREAS, the Magna Carta for Day Care Workers aims to promote and protect the welfare of day care workers who play a critical role in providing early childhood care and education to young children and outlines the rights and privileges of day care workers, including fair compensation, benefits, and opportunities for professional development;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2023-2028 of MIMAROPA Region is a comprehensive plan that outlines the region's priorities for the next six years. Several key strategies in the current RDP from both the education and social protection chapters focus on the well-being of children, which the Magna Carta for Day Care Workers would help address by recognizing the importance of providing quality early childhood education to all children in the region;



WHEREAS, during the Social Development Committee (SDC) Meeting held on 04 August 2023 in Quezon City, DSWD MIMAROPA Regional Director Leonardo C. Reynoso informed the committee that the term "day care worker" is no longer used and instead suggested to use "child development workers;" and,

WHEREAS, during the SDC 3rd Quarter Meeting on 04 August 2023 in Quezon City, a resolution was passed recommending the RDC to support the Magna Carta for Child Development Workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED, be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the RDC MIMAROPA supports the Magna Carta for Child Development Workers;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all the concerned regional line agencies, local government units, public and private higher education institutions, and non-government organizations be copied with this resolution for information and support;

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Done this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three in Pasay City.

Certified Correct:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.

Acting RDC Secretary

Attested:

AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA

Vice Chairperson

Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA

Approved:

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Chairperson

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