RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NSWMC THROUGH THE DENR AND THE TARLAC COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE FOR A SATELLITE ECOLOGY CENTER

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Republic Act 9003 (RA 9003) otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, specifically provided that the State shall "adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program that shall, among others, retain primary enforcement and responsibility of solid waste management with local government units while establishing a cooperative effort among the national government, other local government units, non-government organizations and the private sector";

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (Republic Act No. 9003) institutionalized the creation of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), an inter-agency body that is mandated to oversee the implementation of the solid waste management plans and prescribe policies to achieve the objectives of the Act;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 9003 states that the Department Secretary shall serve as Chairman of the Commission. The Department, through the Environmental Management Bureau, shall provide secretariat support to the commission;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of RA 9003 also states that there shall be established a National Ecology Center under the Commission which shall provide consulting, information, training, and networking services for the implementation of the provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, Section 55 of RA 9003 mandates that the Commission shall, in coordination with DECS now DepED, TESDA, CHED, DILG, and PIA, conduct a continuing education and information campaign on solid waste management, which aims to develop public awareness of the ill-effects of not properly managed waste and the community-based solutions to the solid waste problem such as resource conservation and recovery, recycling, segregation at source, reuse, reduction and compost of solid waste;

WHEREAS, Section 56 of RA 9003 states that the national government, through DECS now DepED and in coordination with concerned government agencies, NGOs and private institutions shall strengthen the integration of environmental concerns in school curricula at all levels, with particular emphasis on theory and practice of waste management principles in order to promote environmental awareness and action among the citizenry;

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WHEREAS, TCA as one of the State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) which are under the supervision of the CHED are valuable resource that can be tapped as a training institution for the local government units and community facilitators in all aspects of ecological solid waste management including sustainable operation of ESWM facilities;

WHEREAS, the short term modules for the ESWM program were developed in partnership with the TCA for the training courses designed for local government workers, technicians, farmer leaders, academicians, junk shop operators and other stakeholders to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that would serve as the mechanism in the efficient and effective administration and implementation among all stakeholders from all sectors of the ESWM program of the national government.

WHEREAS, the NSWMC TWG during its meeting held on January 8, 2015, recommended for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the NSWMC through the DENR and the Tarlac Agricultural College (TCA) towards the implementation of the SATELLITE ECOLoGY CENTER TO BE OPERATED BY THE TARLAC COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE subject to adherence to the Guidelines For ESWM Training Accreditation And Certification System

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the NSWMC through the DENR and the Tarlac College of Agriculture for the implementation of a Satellite Ecology Center be approved and endorsed for implementation.

This resolution takes effect upon approval.

APPROVED 27th of January, 2015.

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