Resolution Affirming the NSWMC Secretariat to Perform the Functions of the National Ecology Center (NEC)

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program consistent with the pursuit of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the enactment of Republic Act 9003 otherwise known as Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 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, IRR of Republic Act 9003 mandated the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) to provide the secretariat support to the NSWMC to be headed by an Executive Director;

WHEREAS, the Secretariat shall provide the administrative and technical support likewise perform all other functions as may be deemed necessary by the NSWMC;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Rule V (Support Institutional Mechanisms) of IRR of RA 9003 states that under the Commission a National Ecology Center (NEC) is to be established headed by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Director in his ex-officio capacity and Regional Ecology Centers (REC) will also be established headed by EMB Regional Directors in their ex-officio capacities;

WHEREAS, the role of the NEC shall provide technical expertise, information, training and networking services for the implementation of the provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, the existing Secretariat staff are EMB personnel whose functions does not only prepare, record, index and keep pertinent documents but also evaluate 10 year SWM plans, review proposals submitted for funding support from the SWM fund, provide technical assistance through conduct of lectures, trainings and seminars including data base system and dissemination of Information Education Campaign (IEC) materials, act as clearinghouse for cleaner production/cleaner technologies on SWM as well as extending technical assistance to Local government Units (LGUs) and private entities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create Organizational Structure in NEC located at East Ave., Quezon City which shall serve as laboratory of alternative technologies to include technologies and techniques for effective SWM, showcasing best practices, provide data bank as well as provide or facilitate expert assistance in pilot modeling of SWM facilities and that the existing Secretariat staff shall perform the functions of the NEC in the meantime and while awaiting the realization of Rationalization Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Organizational Structure of National Ecology Center be created and that the present/existing Secretariat staff to perform functions of NEC.

APPROVED this day of September 30, 2009.

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