RESOLUTION PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR MANDATORY SOLID WASTE SEGREGATION AT-SOURCE, SEGREGATED COLLECTION AND RECOVERY, AND TO PRESCRIBE FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the enactment of Republic Act 9003, the 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, Article 2, Section 21 of RA 9003 provides the Mandatory Segregation of Solid Wastes that shall primarily be conducted at the source, to include residential, institutional, industrial, commercial and agricultural sources;

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 22 of RA 9003 provides the Requirements for the Segregation and Storage of Solid Waste defining the minimum standards and requirements for segregation and storage of solid waste pending collection;

WHEREAS, NSWMC Resolution No. 18, Series of 2009 provides for the Recycling Guidelines;

WHEREAS, NSWMC Resolution No. 47, Series of 2010 adopted the National Framework Plan for the Informal Sector in Solid Waste Management enjoining public and private institutions, organizations and corporations to recognize the informal waste sector as a partner in the promotion of 3Rs of solid waste management;

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 28 states that the National Ecology Center shall assist LGUs in establishing and implementing deposit or reclamation programs in coordination with manufacturers, recyclers and generators to provide separate collection systems or convenient drop-off locations for recyclable materials, particularly for separated toxic components of the waste stream like dry cell batteries and tires, to ensure that they are not incinerated or disposed of in a landfill;

WHEREAS, the Penal Provisions under Chapter VI of RA 9003, Section 48, paragraph 4, prohibit the causing or permitting of the collection of non-segregated or unsorted waste;

WHEREAS, Section 50 of RA 9003 of the same provision entitled Administrative Sanctions states that all officials of government agencies and LGUs who fail to comply with and enforce rules and regulations promulgated relative to this Act should be charged administratively in accordance with RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1990) and other existing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide specific guidelines on proper solid waste handling in public and private places and requiring all owners, lessees, occupants of residential structures, heads of institutions, and owners of commercial and industrial establishments to segregate their wastes and maintain the cleanliness of their premises and immediate surroundings;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to provide specific guidelines on the establishment of collection programs for recyclable and special waste materials in coordination with the manufacturers, distributors, recyclers and waste generators.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that consistent with Sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 of RA 9003 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the DENR and, as may be necessary, other members of the Commission, shall issue their respective Administrative Order(s) or any appropriate issuance for the enforcement and dissemination of this resolution.

APPROVED on this 24th day of January, 2013.

ATTESTED BY:

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