RESOLUTION ON THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS (HOAS), PUBLIC MARKETS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE ECOSAVERS PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (RA 9003) provides the legal framework for promoting the systematic, comprehensive and ecological measures for avoiding the generation of solid waste, reducing wastes and the final safe disposal of waste in order to protect public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of RA 9003, mandates the DENR-EMB to, among others, provide technical and other capability building assistance and support to the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the development and implementation of local solid waste management plans and programs;

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 2g of RA 9003 states that LGUs have the primary responsibility and enforcement of solid waste management while establishing a cooperative effort among the national government, other local government units, non-government organizations, private sector and the community;

WHEREAS, RA 9003 mandates the LGUs to provide efficient, reliable, and systematic collection services and environmentally safe disposal of wastes;

WHEREAS, the NSWMC identifies and promotes best environmental practices and encourage multi-stakeholder participation in solid waste management;

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, Article 6, Section 55 of RA 9003 provides the Public Education and Information program objectives for the conduct of a continuing education and information campaign on solid waste management;

WHEREAS, it is critical for the national government to continuously extend support and create programs anchored on the concept of people empowerment and sustainable development to create change in environmental attitude and behaviour and impose appropriate penalty;

WHEREAS, the “Establishment of an Appropriate Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) System” piloted and implemented only in Metro Manila made very encouraging progress with objectives nearly achieved through the projects of the NSWMCS with the following: (1) Home Owners Associations (HOAs); (2) Public Markets and Commercial Establishments and; (3) Ecosavers Program for Public Schools;

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to replicate and implement the abovementioned programs nationwide to attain utmost results in protecting and managing the environment through ecological solid waste management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Nationwide Implementation on the Establishment of an Appropriate Ecological Solid Waste Management System for HOAs, Public Markets and Commercial Establishments and the Ecosavers Program for Public Schools be implemented starting 2014.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Department of Education, Housing and Land use and Regulatory Board, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and other agencies concerned for their information.

APPROVED on this 13th day of December, 2013.

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