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## LPP SPECIAL MEETING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-008

**APPEALING TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO CONTINUE EXTENDING EMERGENCY SUBSIDIES AND BENEFITS TO THE "18 MILLION LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS" FOR A PERIOD OF "TWO (2) MONTHS", AS STIPULATED IN SEC. 4 (C) OF RA 11469, SUCH AS THE DSWD'S SAP, DOLE'S CAMP, DA'S ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS, AND OTHER NGAS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) REGARDLESS WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) OR ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) AS THE LAW DOES NOT MAKE ANY DISTINCTION THEREIN, SINCE THE NATIONAL STATE OF CALAMITY IS STILL VALID FOR 6 MONTHS PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NO. 929**

**WHEREAS**, in response to and management of COVID-19 crisis, R.A. No. 11469 or the *Bayanihan to Heal As One Act* seeks to mobilize assistance in the provision of basic necessities to individuals and families affected by the imposition of community quarantine (CQ), and to implement programs for recovery and rehabilitation, including a social amelioration program (SAP) and provision of safety nets to all sectors affected by COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.A. No. 11469 and Proclamation No. 292 s. 2020, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency, and Proc. No. 929 s. 2020, declaring a National State of Calamity, Luzon was placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) while other local government units (LGUs), outside Luzon, such as Cebu and Davao City, have placed their respective jurisdictions under ECQ to eliminate or curtail the threat of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, on 25 April 2020, the placing of several regions and provinces, such as National Capital Region (NCR) and Region III, under ECQ was extended until 15 May 2020 while other regions and provinces have been placed under a modified scheme dubbed as "General Community Quarantine" or GCQ and subject to the recently-issued IATF guidelines pursuant to IATF Resolution Nos. 28, 29 and 30;

**WHEREAS**, under Sec. 4 (c) of RA 11469, it states that:

***"(c) Provide an emergency subsidy to around eighteen (18) million low income households: provided, That the subsidy shall amount to a minimum of Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) to a maximum of Eight thousand pesos (P8,000.00) a month for two (2) months: Provided, further, That the subsidy shall be computed based on the prevailing regional minimum wage rates: Provided, finally, That the subsidy received from the current conditional cash transfer program and rice subsidy shall be taken into consideration***

*in the computation of the emergency subsidy as provided for in this Act;” (underscoring supplied for emphasis)*

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 (c) of RA No. 11469 does not distinguish between areas with ECQ and GCQ in the application of these emergency benefits during the National State of Calamity for a period of “two (2) months” to the “18 million low-income households”, such as DOLE’s Covid-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) and DSWD’s SAP assistance, Department of Agriculture’s (DA’s) assistance to farmers, and other assistance of National Government Agencies (NGAs) such as Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), augmented Food and Non-Food Items (FNIs), and Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), among others.

**WHEREAS**, per recent pronouncement from Malacañan Palace, through Spokesperson Harry Roque, the poor families in areas where ECQ has been lifted will no longer receive cash assistance from the government, and the second tranche of the SAP will now be limited to families in Metro Manila and other areas that remain under lockdown or ECQ contrary to what our constituents have already been told that they will receive under RA 11469 and that they are anxiously expecting to receive the same for at least “two (2) months” during this “National State of Calamity “which is still effective throughout the country for a period of 6 months;

**WHEREAS**, Article 7 paragraph 3 of the New Civil Code or RA No. 386, provides that “[a]dministrative or executive acts, orders and regulations shall be valid only when they are not contrary to the laws or the Constitution.” and, therefore, IATF regulations must not be contrary to what is stipulated in Section 4 (c) of RA 11469 for it to be legally valid;

**WHEREAS**, regions, provinces, and cities placed under GCQ are still not allowed by the IATF rules to open their economies and undertake normal and regular activities, and therefore, the targeted beneficiaries will still not be able to engage in gainful employment and profitable livelihood are, therefore, still in need of such assistance and that to suddenly delist them from these government-assisted benefits will appear to be as a disincentive for those who have duly complied with the ‘Stay at Home’ policy which was why these areas have been re-classified as GCQ areas;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) appeals to President Rodrigo R. Duterte to continue extending emergency subsidies and benefits to the “18 million low-income households” for a period of “two (2) months”, as stipulated in Sec. 4 (c) of RA 11469, such as the DSWD’s SAP, DOLE’s CAMP, DA’s assistance to farmers, and other national government agencies’ (NGAs’) assistance programs, to be implemented by all local government units (LGUs) regardless whether they have been placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or

Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) as the law does not make any distinction therein, since the National State of Calamity is still valid for six (6) months pursuant to Proclamation No. 929.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that the LPP request the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) to consider and recommend the continuation of extending emergency subsidies to areas placed under GCQ subject to the regular requirements of DSDW under Memorandum Circular (M.C.) No. 04 s. 2020 and DOLE under Department Order (D.O.) Nos. 209, 210, and 212 s. 2020.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, to furnish copies of this Resolution to President Duterte, DBM Secretary Wendel E. Avisado, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles for their consideration and appropriate action.

**DONE** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting of the League of Provinces of the Philippines held online.

Certified true and correct:



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Attested by:



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