RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE AGENCIES CONCERNED TO ENCOURAGE AND ENHANCE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE AGRI-INDUSTRIALIZATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, IN LINE WITH THE “BALIK PROBINSYA, BAGONG PAG-ASA” PROGRAM DURING THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, Agri-industrialization fast emerges as mode of growth in the Southeast Asia including the Philippines where little giant economies are arising and it continues to serve an expansionist capitalism and has somehow brought economic changes in the lives of the poor;

WHEREAS, before, some experts recognized that expansion of agri-industrialization in the country is challenged by many quarters, especially the NGOs/PO who view expansion as an unworkable strategy due to its impact especially on people and even on environment;

WHEREAS, nowadays, agri-industrialization is easily accepted as a strongly positive policy for there are some features of policy which government considers instrumental to an economic boom;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 espouses the strategies of spatial development which aims to decongest the NCR and direct growth to key centers throughout the country, improve linkages by connecting rural areas to growth centers or strengthening urban-rural linkages, and make growth more inclusive by creating more opportunities for production and employment in the lagging regions;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 114, s. 2020 which institutionalizes the “Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-as" Program as pillar of balanced regional development, is
synchronizing with DA Administrative Order No. 1, s. 2020 which establishes the policy framework and strategies for inclusive agri-industrialization and the “new thinking for agriculture.”

WHEREAS, the enlistment of support and assistance of other government agencies, and its instrumentalities, as well as consultation and provision of avenues for the private sector, relevant stakeholders, advocacy groups and non-government organizations are encouraged in order for them to participate in the attainment of the objectives of the aforementioned order: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the agencies concerned to encourage and enhance the participation of the CSOs in the Agri-industrialization development projects, in line with the “Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program during this time of pandemic.

Adopted,

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