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Sir:

Herewith respectfully transmitted is a copy of Ordinance No. 2024-258, "An Ordinance Establishing The Healthy Public Food Procurement Policy Of The Province Of Nueva Vizcaya", of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya, for

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Very truly yours,

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PRESENT:

HON. EUFEMIA ANG DACAYO

HON. ELMA PINAO-AN LEJAO

HON. PATRICIO F. DUMLAO, JR.

HON, EUNICE GALIMA-GAMBOL, MPA

HON. PRIMO PERCIVAL J. MARCOS

HON. ROLAND M. CARUB, J.D.

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HON. FLORANTE S. GERDAN

HON, DELBERT D. TIDANG

HON, PABLO P. KINDOT

HON. JOSE D. TOMAS, SR.

HON, ALEXANDER D. CALULOT, JR.

HON. JOHN M. BABLI-ING

HON, NICKSON C. MILLO

HON, CASTILLO B. TIDANG, JR.

Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

Floor Leader

Assistant Floor Leader

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Pres., PCL, Nueva Vizcaya Chapter

Pres., LnB, Nueva Vizcaya Chapter

Pres., SK Provincial Federation

Indigenous Peoples Mandatory

Representative (IPMR) Nueva Vizcaya

ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-258

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY PUBLIC FOOD PROCUREMENT POLICY OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the General Welfare Clause states that every local government unit (LGU) shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

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WHEREAS, in the exercise of its powers to promulgate procurement policies conferred to it under Section 63 of the Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) issued Resolution No. 27-2019 prescribing the guidelines on the use of a Framework Agreement by all procuring entities which provides that:

"Framework agreement may be utilized by procuring entities in the following:

- 2.3.1 for the procurement of goods and services which are repeatedly required [but] by their nature, use, or characteristic, the quantity or exact time of need cannot be accurately predetermined; and
- 2.3.2 for the procurement of goods which are not advisable to be carried in stock";

WHEREAS, the same Act allows procuring entities to introduce additional standards for goods to be procured to provide necessary information for the bidders to make a responsive bid except to prescribe additional eligibility requirement(s) as a condition for determining bidders' eligibility;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11321, or the Sagip Saka Act, allows national and local government agencies to directly purchase agricultural and fishery products from accredited farmers and fisherfolk cooperatives and enterprises. This procurement is exempt from the application of the bidding process but subject to the conditions and limitations on negotiated procurement through community participation as set forth under GPPB Resolution No. 18-2021;

WHEREAS, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) account for 68% of all deaths, and one in every three Filipinos is likely to die before the age of 70 from one of the four major NCDs—cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory diseases in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 Expanded National Nutrition Survey indicates that 15% of Filipino adults aged 20-59 have elevated blood pressure. This prevalence is consistent across both urban and rural areas. The increase in blood pressure is primarily attributed to the consumption of foods high in sodium and saturated fats;

WHEREAS, according to the same survey, the prevalence of high fasting glucose among Filipinos has also been rapidly increasing. In 2018, high fasting glucose was observed in 6.9% of Filipino adults. This represents a 1.5% increase from 2013 and a 2.1% increase from 2008. High fasting glucose indicates that the body cannot efficiently lower blood sugar levels, which increases the risk of developing type II diabetes mellitus;

WHEREAS, excessive sodium intake, combined with inadequate consumption of whole grains and fruits, constitutes critical dietary factors that significantly contribute to the rise of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) on a global scale. Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), which include conditions such as heart disease and stroke, are the foremost cause of deaths related to dietary habits, highlighting the urgent need for public health interventions. Following CVDs, cancers, and type 2 diabetes mellitus also rank highly in diet-related mortality. Addressing these dietary imbalances is crucial for improving overall health and preventing the growing prevalence of NCDs worldwide;

WHEREAS, in 2023, four out of the five leading causes of mortality among the residents of Nueva Vizcaya were CVDs, including myocardial infarction, cardiovascular accident, hypertension, and heart failure. During that same year, hypertension stood as the fourth most prevalent cause of morbidity;

WHEREAS, LGUs directly impact their constituents' food choices and overall nutrition, through the food they procure and serve in province administered institutions and during province-funded activities. Thus, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya is in a unique position to promote its citizens' health and nutrition through a healthy food procurement policy;

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NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Eunice Galima-Gambol, MPA jointly seconded by Hon. Patricio F. Dumlao, Jr., Hon. Delbert D. Tidang, Hon. Pablo P. Kindot, Hon. Nickson C. Millo and Hon. Roland M. Carub-

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. BRIEF TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Nasustansya a Taraon para ti Umili" of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. — It is hereby declared policy of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya to promote the general welfare, health, and safety of the province's residents, employees, and beneficiaries. Towards this end, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya shall endeavor to establish a healthy food environment within the Province, by requiring compliance with the nutrition standards for publicly procured food and encouraging compliance with the nutrition standards for food sold by food concessionaires.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. – This Ordinance shall apply to all offices, departments, institutions, and task forces of the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya. It shall also apply to all entities involved in procuring or supplying food for the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, including food suppliers and food concessionaires in PLGU-owned and -managed facilities.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. End-user refers to all provincial government departments, offices, institutions, and task forces that procure food for any purpose;
- b. Facilities refer to any physical structure used by LGUs to deliver services or perform specific functions (i.e., public markets, barangay halls, etc.);
- c. Food concessionaire refers to a private entity renting or leasing space in any facility owned and managed by the PLGU-Nueva Vizcaya that sells food to the general public;
- d. **Food supplier** refers to a person or food service establishment that is engaged or hopes to be engaged in supplying food to end-users through participation in the Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Government's food procurement process;
- e. Whole food refers to food which has undergone minimal or no processing or refining, and contains limited or no additives or other artificial ingredients;
- f. **Healthy food ingredients** refer to food or components of food that adhere to the prescribed criteria for essential nutrients, recommended portion sizes, and other dietary guidelines established within the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance;
- g. Institutions refer to any public organization or entity, including but not limited to hospitals, correctional facilities, shelters, and any other similar establishment, that are operated or managed by the Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Government or that receive funding or support therefrom for their operations (i.e., Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Hospital, Provincial Jail, etc.);

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- h. Short-term targets refer to objectives that the Provincial Government aims to achieve within one (1) year from the enactment of this Ordinance. These targets focus on establishing foundational practices and initiating early progress assessments in implementing this Ordinance;
- i. **Middle-term targets** refer to objectives aimed at achieving measurable progress within one (1) to three (3) years from the enactment of this Ordinance. These targets build upon the achievements of short-term objectives and focus on enhancing implementation effectiveness expanding coverage; and
- j. Long-term targets refer to objectives aimed at achieving sustained impact and lasting change beyond three (3) years from the enactment of this Ordinance. These targets reflect the broader vision of the Ordinance and focus on achieving significant improvements in public health and nutrition outcomes.

Unless otherwise provided, the definition of terms in R.A. No. 9184, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and GPPB Resolutions and Executive Issuances are likewise adopted in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED NUTRITIONIST-DIETITIAN AS SPECIAL MEMBER OF THE NUEVA VIZCAYA BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (BAC) TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG). To ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Ordinance, a Registered Nutritionist-Dietitian may be designated by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HOPE), upon recommendation of the BAC, as a member of the BAC TWG, who shall provide technical expertise in matters concerning food, nutrition, and other dietary considerations within the scope of this Ordinance. The rules on conflict of interest under Rule IX, Sec. 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 6713 and other pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 shall apply to members of the BAC TWG.

The Nutritionist-Dietitian shall be responsible for verifying compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards by the bidders with the lowest calculated bid during post-qualification. The Nutritionist-Dietitian shall also be responsible for verifying compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards by end-users who have engaged in procurement through community participation.

The Nutritionist Dietitian shall likewise assist the BAC in the (i) review of technical specifications, scope of work, and terms of reference, (ii) review of bidding documents, (iii) eligibility screening, (iv) evaluation of bids, (v) post-qualification, (vi) resolution of requests for reconsiderations, and (vii) other matters as the BAC-Goods may assign to it from time to time.

SECTION 6. NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR FOOD PROCUREMENT. – The Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards are composed of the General Standards (Annex A) and the Specific Standards (Annex B to D).

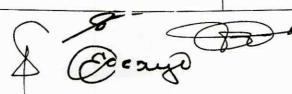
All food, including meals, snacks, and beverages procured, prepared, and/or served by endusers and food concessionaires in PLGU-owned and -managed facilities must follow the General Standards (Annex A).

Food suppliers and end-users must comply with the following specific standards:

If supplying and/or preparing food for:	Applicable Specific Standards
a. Hospitals, rehabil tation centers, child development centers, and other i stitutions that prepare meals and snacks in-house	Annex B and C



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b. Departments and offices that serve meals and snacks for meetings, trainings, conferences, and other similar functions	Annex C
c. Other cluster/institution-specific functions	Annex D

SECTION 7. PROCEDURES FOR FOOD PROCUREMENT. – In addition to the requirements under R.A. No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations for the procurement of goods, end-users shall follow this procedure for procuring all food supplies:

a. Preparation of Procurement Documents – End-users shall ensure that food items in the respective Project Procurement Management Plans (PPMPs) complies with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance. If PPMPs have already been issued in compliance with the [most recent budget memorandum] issued by the Office of the Provincial Governor, this Ordinance shall be applied to the preparation of the next PPMPs and appropriate amendments of the current PPMPs.

b. Food Procurement Procedures

1. Bidding

- i. **Procurement Planning** End-users shall also include compliance with the certification of food items, meals, and/ or snacks in the bidding documents under the technical specifications.
- ii. Omnibus sworn statement for bidders Bidders shall be required to execute and submit the required Omnibus Sworn Statement that shall include a warranty that the food item, meals, and/or snacks offered to be supplied is compliant with Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards pursuant to Section 6 of this Ordinance.
- iii. Post-qualification Once the bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) or single calculated bid (SCB) is determined in accordance with Section 32 of R.A. No. 9184, the BAC-Goods, with the assistance of its TWG, shall verify and validate the bidder's compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards and other requirements and conditions specified in the bidding documents.

For this reason, the BAC, through its TWG, may likewise conduct testing or sampling of the food products, site inspection, or employ other means necessary to validate the bidder's qualifications, pursuant to Section 34 of R.A. No. 9184. The BAC-Goods may also check for previous violations or non-compliance with standards by bidders in Nueva Vizcaya or other government contracts. The BAC TWG in coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office, may carry out random sampling and inspections throughout the duration of the contract implementation.

2. Framework Agreement – Pursuant to GPPB Resolution No. 27-2019, endusers may establish a Framework Agreement with food suppliers for the procurement of food, including meals, snacks, and beverages, in times of emergencies and calamities. The Framework Agreement shall include a provision that requires the food supplier and food concessionaire to comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance as one of its duties and obligations. This will ensure that even in crisis situations, the procurement of food maintains a commitment to meeting the established nutritional standards.

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3. Direct Purchase - Pursuant to Section 11 of R.A. No. 11321, all provincial government departments, offices, institutions, and task forces may likewise directly purchase agricultural and fishery products from accredited farmers and fisherfolk cooperatives and enterprises, subject to negotiated procurement instead of the bidding process. Resorting to this modality, the BAC-Goods shall strictly adhere to the limitations and conditions set forth by GPPB Resolution No. 18-2021.

The Provincial Agricultural Office, in collaboration with the Provincial Integrated Health Office, the Governor's Office (GO)-Nutrition Division, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, and the Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office, shall develop and implement a program that will encourage community participation throughout the procurement process in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY FOOD CONCESSIONAIRES IN PLGU-OWNED AND -MANAGED FACILITIES. - Food concessionaires are required to comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards as provided by Section 6 of this Ordinance for all food, including meals, snacks, and beverages, prepared, served, and/or sold.

The [contracts / agreements] between the PLGU and the aforementioned food concessionaires shall incorporate the following provisions:

- 1. That the food concessionaire agrees to comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards set forth in Section 6 of this Ordinance;
- 2. That in consideration of its compliance with the nutrition standards, the food concessionaire may participate in the training programs and workshops to be provided by the PLGU- Nueva Vizcaya to support the capacity of food concessionaires to effectively comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance:
- 3. That the food concessionaire may also participate in the program to be developed and implemented by the PLGU- Nueva Vizcaya to promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) pursuant to Section 9 of this Ordinance;
- 4. That in the event of non-compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards, the PLGU- Nueva Vizcaya reserves the right to impose penalties as provided for by existing laws; and
- 5. Such other provisions as the Governor, being the Provincial Local Chief Executive of the Province, may determine.

If a [contract / agreement] has already been executed and entered into prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance, the provisions outlined herein shall be applied in the preparation of future [contracts / agreements] and appropriate amendments shall be made to the existing [contracts / agreements].

SECTION 9. LOCAL SOURCING OF WHOLE FOODS AND HEALTHY FOOD INGREDIENTS. – The Provincial Agricultural Office, in collaboration with the Provincial Integrated Health Office, the Nutrition Division, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, and the Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office, shall develop and implement a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs. This program may include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Encouraging collaboration with traditional markets as suppliers of whole food by coordinating with vendors' cooperatives and other stakeholders in traditional markets;
- Establishing a coordination mechanism that will facilitate direct access by prospective food suppliers to local farmers, fisherfolk, and whole food suppliers within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, as well as in neighboring provinces, cities or municipalities;
- c. Providing incentives to food suppliers and food concessionaires that locally source whole food and healthy food ingredients from MSMEs;
- d. Assisting local farmers, fisherfolk, and whole food suppliers to meet the demand for local wholefood and healthy food ingredients, including conducting training and workshops to enhance their capacity; or
- e. Promoting sustainable agriculture.

The Provincial Agricultural Office shall develop and submit a program implementation plan to the Provincial Integrated Health Office within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ACCREDITED ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS DURING GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EVENTS. – Accredited accommodation establishments must comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance for all food, including meals, snacks, and beverages, prepared, served, and/or sold in government-sponsored events held as part of the special events and activities organized by the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya. The Provincial Tourism and Culture Office shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance level of these establishments.

To support local farmers, fisherfolk, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), while also promoting healthy eating habits among event participants and visitors, the Provincial Tourism and Culture Office shall encourage accredited accommodation establishments to source and use locally grown whole foods and healthy ingredients. This applies to all food, including meals, snacks, and beverages, prepared, served, or sold during special tourism activities and events organized by the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU).

To encourage compliance and promote active participation, the Provincial Tourism and Culture Office may offer incentives to accredited accommodation establishments that consistently meet the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards outlined in Section 6 of this Ordinance. These establishments should also actively support the procurement of locally sourced whole foods and healthy ingredients during events and tourism activities sponsored by the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU).

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SECTION 11. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NUEVA VIZCAYA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES. – The Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Government departments and offices shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- a. Provincial Integrated Health Office (PIHO) The Provincial Integrated Health Office shall be the lead agency for the implementation of this Ordinance, with the following functions:
 - 1. Lead the development of an implementation, monitoring, and evaluation plan for this Ordinance;
 - 2. In coordination with the GO-Nutrition Division and the Office of the Provincial Administrator, issue detailed guidelines to implement this Ordinance in accordance with Sections 18 and 19 hereof;
 - 3. Set short-term, middle-term, and long-term targets for the implementation of this Ordinance in relation to the Provincial Government's commitments to relevant international/national commitments on the environment, health, and nutrition;
 - 4. Coordinate with all PLGU- Nueva Vizcaya departments and offices, including end-users, in implementing this Ordinance;
 - 5. Coordinate with national government agencies in implementing this Ordinance as provided in Section 15 of this Ordinance;
 - 6. Coordinate with the GO-Nutrition Division for the integration of this Ordinance into the Province's Local Nutrition Action Plan;
 - 7. Collaborate with the Provincial Agricultural Office to develop and implement a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance;
 - 8. Coordinate with the Governor's Office (GO)-Public Affairs & Information Assistance Division for the development and implementation of a social and behavior change communications campaign to implement this Ordinance pursuant to Section 14 herein;
 - 9. In coordination with the Nutritionist-Dietitian (Special Member of the BAC TWG), conduct random sampling and inspection during the contract implementation stage to monitor whether the procured food complies with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards prescribed in Section 6 of this Ordinance, as provided in Section 7(b)(1)(iii) of this Ordinance;
 - 10. Coordinate with the Office of the Provincial Administrator to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Ordinance for the first six (6) months and every year after, and submit a report providing appropriate recommendations to the Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to Section 16 of this Ordinance; and

11. Perform other roles and functions as deemed necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.

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- b. Governor's Office (GO)-Nutrition Division The Nutrition Division shall be the supporting lead agency for the implementation of this Ordinance, with the following functions:
 - 1. In coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and Office of the Provincial Administrator, integrate this Ordinance into the Province's Local Nutrition Action Plan;
 - 2. Review and update the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards attached as Annexes A to D of this Ordinance every three (3) years;
 - 3. Coordinate with the Provincial Integrated Health Office for the issuance of detailed guidelines to implement this Ordinance in accordance with Sections 18 and 19 hereof;
 - 4. Coordinate with the Provincial Budget Office for the issuance of appropriate guidelines for end-users in relation to the preparation of PPMPs and other procurement documents in compliance with this Ordinance;
 - 5. Conduct series of trainings to assist end-users in integrating the nutrition standards into the technical specifications of PPMPs and other procurement documents pursuant to Section 13 of this Ordinance;
 - 6. Establish other relevant education and training programs to support the capacity of end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires to effectively comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards, such as additional training opportunities on local sourcing of healthy food, healthy food preparation, and other related topics, in accordance with Section 13 of this Ordinance;
 - 7. Develop reference materials and tools (i.e., checklists, scorecards, etc.) to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of this Ordinance;
 - 8. Collaborate with the Provincial Agricultural Office to develop and implement a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance;
 - 9. Coordinate with the Public Affairs & Information Assistance Division for the development and implementation of a social and behavior change communications campaign to implement this Ordinance pursuant to Section 14 herein:
 - 10. Coordinate with the Office of the Provincial Administrator to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Ordinance for the first six (6) months and every year after, and submit a report providing appropriate recommendations to the Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to Section 16 of this Ordinance; and

11. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.

- c. Office of the Provincial Administrator The Office of the Provincial Administrator shall oversee the implementation of this Ordinance, with the following functions:
 - 1. Coordinate with the GO-Nutrition Division for the integration of this Ordinance into the Provincial Nutrition Action Plan;
 - Coordinate with the Provincial Integrated Health Office for the issuance of detailed guidelines to implement this Ordinance in accordance with Sections 18 and 19 of this Ordinance;
 - 3. In coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and the GO-Nutrition Division, monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Ordinance for the first six (6) months and every year after, and submit a report providing appropriate recommendations to the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to Section 16 of this Ordinance; and
 - 4. Perform additional roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office, as well as undertake any other tasks necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.
- **d.** Provincial Budget Office The Provincial Budget Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. In coordination with the GO-Nutrition Division, issue appropriate guidelines for end-users in relation with the preparation of PPMPs and other procurement documents in compliance with this Ordinance;
 - 2. Review the procurement documents to ensure the integration of the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in the technical specifications; and
 - 3. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- e. Provincial General Services Office (PGSO) The Provincial General Services Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. In coordination with end-users, inspect food supplies upon delivery to ensure compliance with the nutrition standards; and
 - 2. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- **f. Provincial Agricultural Office** The Provincial Agricultural Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. In collaboration with the Provincial Integrated Health Office, the Nutrition Division, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, and the Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office, develop and implement a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance;

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- 2. Collaborate with the GO-Nutrition Division to provide additional training opportunities for end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires on the local sourcing of healthy food, healthy food preparation, and other related topics, in accordance with Section 13 of this Ordinance;
- 3. In coordination with the GO-Nutrition Division, conduct trainings and workshops for, and develop and disseminate relevant resources to, food suppliers and food concessionaires in meeting the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance;
- 4. In coordination with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office, conduct a research study for applying the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in other food settings pursuant to Section 17 of this Ordinance; and
- 5. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- g. Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENARO) The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. Collaborate with the Provincial Agricultural Office in developing and implementing a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance;
 - 2. Coordinate with the Provincial Agricultural Office in conducting a research study for applying the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in other food settings pursuant to Section 17 of this Ordinance; and
 - 3. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- h. Public Affairs & Information Assistance Division (PAIAD) The Public Affairs & Information Assistance Division shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. In coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and the GO-Nutrition Division, develop and implement a social and behavior change communications campaign to implement this Ordinance pursuant to Section 14 herein; and
 - 2. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office (PROCEDE) The Provincial Cooperative and Er terprise Development Office shall perform the following functions:

1. Ensure the compliance of food concessionaires under Section 8 of this Ordinance with the I ueva Vizca a Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this

Ordinance;

- 2. Coordinate with the Provincial Agricultural Office in developing and implementing a program that will promote the local sourcing of whole food and healthy food ingredients by end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires from local farmers, fisherfolk, whole food suppliers, and other MSMEs pursuant to Section 9 of this Ordinance;
- 3. Collaborate with the GO-Nutrition Division to provide additional training opportunities for end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires on the local sourcing of healthy food, healthy food preparation, and other related topics, in accordance with Section 13 of this Ordinance;
- 4. Coordinate with the Provincial Agricultural Office in conducting a research study for applying the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in other food environments pursuant to Section 17 of this Ordinance;
- 5. Support quality assurance and compliance with food safety standards and regulations among cooperatives and enterprises supplying whole food and healthy food ingredients to end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires;
- 6. Advocate for and facilitate programs that promote this Ordinance among cooperatives and enterprises; and
- 7. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- j. Provincial Human Resource and Management Office (PHRMO) The Provincial Human Resource and Management Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. In coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and other relevant PLGU offices, craft the criteria and selection for the awards and incentives to end-users that comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance; and
 - 2. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- **k.** Provincial Tourism and Culture Office (PTCO) The Provincial Tourism and Culture Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. Monitor the compliance level of accredited accommodation establishments with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance when providing meal services for government-sponsored special events and activities of the PLGU, as per Section 10 of this Ordinance;
 - Advocate for the procurement of locally sourced whole food and healthy food ingredients during special tourism activities and events organized by the Nueva Vizcaya PLGU, as provided in Section 10 of this Ordinance;
 - 3. Provide incentives to encourage active participation and compliance with Section 10 of this Ordinance; and

4. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.

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- I. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office shall perform the following functions:
 - 1. Encourage compliance by daycare centers with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance for all food, including meals, snacks, and beverages prepared and/or served to their residents, as well as during supplemental feeding programs;
 - 2. Conduct regular monitoring of daycare centers and their associated supplementary feeding programs;
 - 3. Oversee the procurement of food packs by PLGU, ensuring the procurement of whole food and healthy food ingredients designated for distribution during calamities;
 - 4. Ensure compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance for all prescribed activities and events organized by it; and
 - 5. Perform other roles and functions as may be assigned by the Provincial Integrated Health Office.
- m. End-users All departments, offices, institutions, and task forces of the PLGU-Nueva Vizcaya that procure food for any purpose are considered end-users with the following tasks under this Ordinance:
 - Comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance. If PMMPs have already been issued in compliance with the [most recent budget memorandum] issued by the Office of the Provincial Governor, this Ordinance shall be applied in the preparation of the next PPMPs and appropriate amendments of the current PPMPs;
 - 2. In coordination with the Provincial General Services Office, inspect food supplies upon delivery to ensure compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards and other technical specifications, and report non-compliance to the BAC for further action; and
 - 3. Comply with guidelines for implementation of Sections 6 and 7 of this Ordinance to be issued by the Provincial Integrated Health Office, the Provincial Budget Office, and other relevant PLGU offices.

SECTION 12. ADOPTION OF NUEVA VIZCAYA STANDARDS IN PROCUREMENT POLICIES. – All municipalities and barangays are encouraged to incorporate the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in their procurement policies and/or appropriation ordinances.

All national government agencies with facilities operating within the province of Nueva Vizcaya are likewise encouraged to incorporate the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in their procurement policies. The Provincial Integrated Health Office shall be responsible in coordinating with the respective agencies for the implementation of this Ordinance in said facilities.

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SECTION 13. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR END-USERS, FOOD SUPPLIERS, AND FOOD CONCESSIONAIRES. – The GO-Nutrition Division shall establish education and training programs to build the capacity of end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires to effectively comply with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in Section 6 of this Ordinance.

These programs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Workshops, seminars, or other resources designed to educate end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires about the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards;
- b. Compliance training sessions focused on the implementation of the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards for all food, including meals, snacks, and beverages, prepared, served, and/or sold, including pieces of training to assist end-users in integrating the nutrition standards in the technical specifications of PPMPs and other procurement documents;
- c. Additional training opportunities to end-users, food suppliers, and food concessionaires on local sourcing of healthy food, healthy food preparation, and other related topics, in collaboration with the Provincial Agricultural Office and the Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office; or
- d. Such other programs as the Provincial Integrated Health Office and the GO-Nutrition Division may be determined as the lead and supporting lead agencies, respectively.

SECTION 14. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATIONS (SBCC) CAMPAIGN. – The Public Affairs & Information Assistance Division, in coordination with the Health Education and Promotion Office of the Provincial Integrated Health Office and the GO-Nutrition Division, shall develop and implement a social and behavior change communications campaign (SBCC) to promote healthy diets, raise awareness of the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards, and encourage active participation among stakeholders, including:

- a. End-users,
- b. Food suppliers;
- c. Food concessionaires;
- d. Accredited accommodation establishments; and
- e. General public.

SECTION 15. COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. – The Provincial Integrated Health Office shall coordinate with national government agencies for implementation of this Ordinance in jointly operated facilities by the PLGU and national government agencies, if any. The Lead Agency may also coordinate with national government agencies to assist food suppliers and food concessionaires to support their effective compliance with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards.

The Lead Agency shall also conduct regular coordination meetings for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this Ordinance between relevant PLGU offices and the following national government agencies: the Department of He IIth (DOH), the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the Department of Science and Technolog – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), the Department of Social Welfare an Development (DSWD), the Department of Justice – Bureau of Jail Management and Penology DOJ-BJMP), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), and other stakeholders as necessary.

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SECTION 16. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. – The BAC shall prepare and submit a procurement report to the Provincial Integrated Health Office, as the lead agency, every six (6) months. Documentation by the Nutritionist-Dietitian, as a special member of the BAC TWG, shall also be included in this report.

Additionally, the Provincial Integrated Health Office, in coordination with the Nutrition-Dietitian, may conduct random sampling and inspection during the contract implementation stage to monitor that the procured food complies with the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards under Section 6 of this Ordinance.

The Office of the Provincial Administrator is responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of this Ordinance, identifying policy and implementation gaps, and recommending appropriate actions for the consideration of the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Accordingly, the Office of the Provincial Administrator, in coordination with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and the Nutrition Division, as the lead and supporting lead agencies, respectively, shall monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Ordinance, and submit a report and recommend appropriate actions to the Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the first six (6) months and every year thereafter.

SECTION 17. RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY. – The Provincial Agricultural Office, in coordination with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Provincial Cooperative and Development Office, shall conduct research to identify opportunities for applying the Nueva Vizcaya Nutrition Standards in other food environments within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya. This research will be conducted in consultation with the Provincial Integrated Health Office and other relevant Nueva Vizcaya PLGU departments and offices. Additionally, the Provincial Agricultural Office, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, and the Provincial Cooperative and Development Office may request assistance from Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU) and other Colleges and University in the Province to facilitate the research efforts.

The Provincial Agricultural Office, through the Provincial Integrated Health Office as the lead agency, shall submit a report with recommendations to the Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan after six (6) months from the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION. – For the first year of its implementation, funding for the programs under this Ordinance shall be taken from the province's savings in the [previous fiscal year] budget. For the succeeding years, the Provincial Integrated Health Office, in coordination with the Provincial Budget Office and other relevant PLGU offices, shall submit a budget proposal for inclusion in the provincial budget.

SECTION 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, all offices/departments of the Provincial Local Government Unit herein provided, in coordination with the offices, departments, and other agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Such rules and regulations shall take effect upon their posting in conspicuous locations within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All other ordinances, orders, issuances, and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 21. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remainin; portions shall not be affected and shall remain in force and full effect.

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SECTION 22. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and after posting in conspicuous locations within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya for fifteen (15) days.

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