## RESOLUTION NO. 2012-217

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) PROGRAM ON THE FORTIFICATION OF THE BASIC STAPLE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS RICE, WITHIN THE CITY OF NAGA:-

Sponsor: Hon. Cecilia B. Veluz-De Asis

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8976, the Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000, has mandated the fortification of staple foods, such as but not limited to rice, flour, cooking oil and refined sugar;

WHEREAS, such mandatory fortification hopes to compete against the increasing intake of carbohydrate-rich and less nutritious foods, which contributed to the incidence of micronutrient malnutrition that affects the population's physical and mental development, work and economic productivity;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the standards set by the Department of Health (DOH) through the Bureau of Foods and Drugs (BFAD), the National Food Authority (NFA), as the main stakeholder, launched a program that seeks to lessen if not totally eliminate malnutrition in the country, particularly Iron Deficiency Anemia (IDA), through the introduction of iron fortificant to rice, one of our country's staple food;

WHEREAS, said program known as Iron-Fortified Rice or simply i-Rice, likewise, aims to intensify the government's campaign against micro-nutrient deficiency especially but not limited among nursing mothers, pregnant women and young children;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion by Hon. Cecilia B. Veluz - De Asis, duly seconded by Hon. Alex C. Nero.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to support the National Food Authority (NFA) Program on the fortification of the basic staple commonly known as rice, within the City of Naga.

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LET COPIES of this resolution be furnished the Office of His Honor, City Mayor John G. Bongat, the Offices of the Provincial and Regional NFA, all accredited NFA rice retailers, all Barangay Councils of Naga City and all other concerned agencies for their information and guidance.

Approved:

Adopted: April 3, 2012

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR. City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

## APPROVED:

JOHN G. BONGAT City Mayor