



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

**NDRRMC RESOLUTION NO. 04, s. 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE, AS THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE NDRRMC, REPRESENTED BY ITS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE – ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERNANDO M. CARAIG JR. TO FILE A PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATION OF EXCEPTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE VARIOUS RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY RELATED PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS RESOLUTION NO. 10747, S. 2021**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community, to protect the lives and livelihood of its citizens as well as help them recover from the same when a disaster occurs;

**WHEREAS**, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, was created by Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, and was empowered with policy-making, coordination, integration, supervision, monitoring, and evaluation functions relative to various aspects of disaster risk reduction and management, which necessarily include disaster response, early recovery, and rehabilitation and recovery;

**WHEREAS**, part of the NDRRMC members agencies' functions is to respond to disasters as well as help the affected communities and areas recover from the same as to restore them to normalcy as funded by the regular fund and Quick Response Funds (QRF) of the various government agencies provided with the same under the General Appropriations Act;

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 (a) of RA No. 10121 provides that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRM Fund) can also be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction, and other work or services in connection with natural or human-induced calamities which may occur during the budget year or those that occurred in the past two (2) years from the budget year;

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 (c) of RA No. 10121 states that Quick Response Fund (QRF) shall be used for relief and recovery programs in order that the situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Election (COMELEC) is called upon to uphold the Philippine government's disaster response and early recovery functions, especially during the period from 25 March 2022 to 08 May 2022 ("Election Ban Period"), during which time-specific electoral prohibitions might hinder or delay critical and/or urgent response and early recovery interventions for survivors of recent disasters and possible disasters that may occur during the said period;



**WHEREAS**, Section 13 of COMELEC Resolution No. 10747 dated 16 December 2021 states that, for (non-infrastructure) projects, activities, and programs (PPAs) pertaining to social welfare, a petition for issuance of Certificate of Exception shall be filed before the Clerk of the Commission for due notice and hearing;

**WHEREAS**, based on the NDRRMC Situational Report No. 46 dated 21 February 2022, the onslaught of Typhoon Odette recorded a total of 2,991,586 families or 10,607,625 individuals affected in 10,264 Barangays in MIMAROPA, Region 5, Region 6, Region 7, Region 8, Region 9, Region 10, Region 11, Region 12, CARAGA, and BARMM;

**WHEREAS**, while it has been approximately three (3) months since TY Odette devastated parts of our country and some of the government's response activities terminated, there are humanitarian activities that are still ongoing and will still be done which may fall within the Election Ban period;

**WHEREAS**, NDRRM Operations Center reports that ongoing response and early recovery activities of the N/RDRRMC member agencies that are charged to their respective QRFs and will still be continued to be undertaken by the agencies and LGUs throughout April 2022 in MIMAROPA, CARAGA, Region 6, Region 7, Region 8 and Region 10;

**WHEREAS**, the petition was drafted by the NDRRMC ad hoc legal team, mainly composed of agencies conducting disaster response. The ad hoc legal team, agency-DRRM focals, and representatives from COMELEC held a series of consultation meetings. Likewise, the list of humanitarian or response and early recovery related programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) submitted by the agencies were considered;

**WHEREAS**, the petition was deliberated upon by the NDRRMC TMG on 11 March 2022 that resolve to have the full council approve the petition and this resolution by ad referendum;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council **RESOLVES** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to authorize the OIC, OCD, on behalf of the NDRRMC, to file a petition for the issuance of a certification of exception and authorization for the release of public funds for the various response and early recovery related PPAs of the government member agencies of the NDRRMC, RDRRMC, and LGUs in compliance with the Commission on Elections Resolution no. 10747, S. 2021.

Further, granting the OIC, OCD authority to sign, on behalf of the Council, the abovementioned petition, including its verification and certification against non-forum shopping, or any other motion, memorandum, or pleading in relation thereto.

Further, the Council hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the NDRRMC to sign the resolution on behalf of the Council.

Done this 14th day of March 2022 at the Department of National Defense, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

**DELFIN N LORENZANA**  
Secretary, Department of National Defense  
Chairperson, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

