



COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

COMMITTEE REPORT CHS-PCR-801-2025

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: *[Signature]*
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Subject: *A resolution adopting Presidential Decree No. 1569 or "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay, providing funds therefor and for other purposes".*

(Date referred: March 31, 2025)

The above-mentioned proposed resolution underwent its first reading on March 31, 2025 during the 134th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said proposed resolution was referred by the Presiding Officer, City Vice Mayor Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola to the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

FINDINGS:

Presidential Decree No. 1569 was enacted to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), a barangay-based volunteer worker who delivers basic nutrition and related health services, and links communities with nutrition and related service providers.

Government development programs are focused on countryside development, particularly on the improvement of the quality of life in barangays. The Government and private sectors have joined hands to solve the malnutrition problems of the country.

Nutrition programs of the country have given priority support for continuing training programs for technicians and community workers through the cooperating agencies, and the manpower resources are not enough to cope with the increasing number of people, who still have to be effectively reached by nutrition intervention schemes in the barangays.






RECOMMENDATION:


Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica moved for the approval of the above-subject matter duly seconded by all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The above subject matter was **APPROVED** during its 134th Regular Session.


WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 31st day of March 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION


COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman


COUN. LEVY TELA
Vice Chairman


COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN
Member


COUN. CATHERINE SARINO EVARISTO
Member





COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

CHS-PCR-801-2025

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Jerald P. Pina
Date: 7 MAY 2025
Time: 4:28 am

Subject: *A resolution adopting Presidential Decree No. 1569 or "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay, providing funds therefor and for other purposes".*

(Date referred: March 31, 2025)

The 134th Regular Session was held last March 31, 2025 at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panglungsod. City Vice Mayor Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola presided the Regular Session and was called to order at exactly 10:00 a.m.

Atty. Khalid Atega, Jr., Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod proceeded with the roll call, the approval of the Journal and minutes of the 133rd Regular Session, and the reading of the referrals to committees of proposed Ordinances, Resolutions, Messages, Communications, Petitions and Memorials.

City Councilor Honorable Reynaldo C. Palabrica moved for the suspension of the internal rules duly seconded by the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the internal rules were suspended.

Upon reading and referral of agenda item No. **PCR-801-2025** – "*A resolution adopting Presidential Decree No. 1569 or "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay, providing funds therefor and for other purposes"*", City Councilor Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica moved for the approval of the above-mentioned subject matter.

The motion was unanimously seconded by all the Honorable Members of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod. The resolution adopting Presidential Decree No. 1569 or "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a





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Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay, providing funds therefor and for other purposes". " was **APPROVED**.

City Councilor Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez moved for the adjournment of the 134th Regular Session duly seconded by the majority of the members of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod. The regular session was adjourned at exactly 11:20 a.m.

Prepared by:


Ronaldo M. Verona
Administrative Aide

Attested by:


COUNCILOR REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman



MALACAÑANG
Manila

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 1569

STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM BY PROVIDING FOR A BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR IN EVERY BARANGAY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, government development programs are now focused on countryside development, particularly on the improvement of the quality of life in our barangays;

WHEREAS, the government and private sectors, in their dedications to provide basic health and nutrition services in all levels, have joined hands to solve the malnutrition problem of the country, with the entire efforts being coordinated by the National Nutrition Council;

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the malnutrition problem in the country urgently needs greater involvement and participation of the people at the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, while the nutrition program of the country has given priority support for continuing training programs for technicians and community workers through the cooperating agencies, and the manpower resources are not enough to cope with the increasing number of people, who still have to be effectively reached by nutrition intervention schemes in some 42,000 barangays;

WHEREAS, the present task of coordinating and implementing the nutrition program relies heavily on agency workers as catalyzers, and that the program suffers because of the large area coverage of each worker limiting the time spent in each barangay; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a selected individual from within the barangay who will be intensively trained would be in a better position to deliver nutrition and related services particularly to target critical families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order the following:

Section 1. Barangay Nutrition Program. To strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program, there shall be a project under the administration of the National Nutrition Council, which shall provide for one (1) barangay nutrition scholar every barangay.

Section 2. Barangay Nutrition Scholar. The barangay nutrition scholar shall be a barangay based volunteer worker responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the barangay.

Section 3. Service. The barangay nutrition scholar, while continuously learning under this program, shall serve the barangay on a voluntary basis for at least a period of one year.

Section 4. Qualification. The qualifications of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall be as follows:

(a) Bonafide residence in the barangay for at least four (4) years, with ability to speak the dialect;

(b) Possession of leadership potentials and the initiative and willingness to serve the barangay for at least one (1) year;

(c) Willingness to learn, and to teach what he has learned to the barangay people;

(d) At least primary school graduate;

(e) Physical and mental fitness; and

(f) At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old.

Section 5. Recruitment. The barangay nutrition scholar shall be recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested on mental ability and proper work attitude.

Section 6. Benefits. The barangay nutrition scholar shall be granted a civil service eligibility equivalent to second grade after the completion of at least two years of continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay. He shall also be entitled to a training stipend, kit and travel allowance of at least P120.00 a year, and in addition thereto, such other allowances that the municipality may grant but not exceeding P150.00 a month.

Section 7. Training. Before actual barangay service, the barangay nutrition scholar shall undergo a ten-day training on selected topics such as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation, based on defined task expectations, to be conducted by a provincial training team in coordination with the municipal and the barangay nutrition committees. This training shall be supplemented by a twenty-day practicum to be conducted in the barangay where the scholar is assigned, and such activity shall be in coordination with a local training team.

Section 8. Nutrition Committees. The implementation of this project shall be the total responsibility of a Provincial/City Nutrition Committee headed by the Governor/City Mayor as Chairman, and a Municipal Nutrition Committee headed by the Mayor as Chairman.

Section 9. Local Training Team. The local training team of the municipality shall be composed of two members chosen from among the members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee. This team shall follow up the activities of the trained barangay nutrition scholar.

Section 10. Role of the Provincial Governor/City Mayor. The Provincial Governor/City Mayor shall be responsible for the program throughout the province/city, of an amount sufficient to support this program.

Section 11. Role of the Municipal Mayor. The Municipal Mayor shall initiate activities to implement this project within the municipality, organize the local training teams, and may recommend the appropriation by this province/city, of an amount sufficient to support this program.

Section 12. Barangay Nutrition Scholars Staff Secretariat. There shall be a staff secretariat in every province/ city which shall monitor the progress of the program, identify its problem and recommend possible solutions thereto.

Section 13. National Nutrition Council. The National Nutrition Council shall formulate rules and regulations, and plans and progress within the limits set forth in his decree for the successful implementation of this program.

It shall allocate the funds for this project to the various provinces and/or agencies, for disbursement in accordance with the financial plan of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars Project.

Section 14. Donations. For purposes of this program, the National Nutrition Council and the local governments, are authorized to receive grants, donations, gifts or bequests, from various government agencies and government corporations, which shall be tax exempt.

Section 15. Appropriation. The amount of One Million Pesos out of any available funds from the National Treasury, or from the Special Activities Funds is hereby appropriated and authorized to be released for the organization and initial operation of the Council and the local governments for the purpose of this program. Local governments are likewise authorized to appropriate such amount necessary for the successful implementation of this program.

Section 16. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Fifteenth Congress of the Republic)
Of the Philippines)
First Regular Session)

SENATE

S.B. No. 2397

Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree 1569 was enacted to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) is a barangay-based volunteer worker who delivers basic nutrition and related health services, and links communities with nutrition and related service providers.

The Barangay Nutrition Program is being implemented to address the malnutrition problem that afflicts the vulnerable groups particularly preschool, school children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and other contributory factors that affects the health and nutrition condition of the community as whole. Generally, the program aims to reduce the prevalence rate of malnutrition among moderate and severe preschoolers and school children.

The magnitude of the malnutrition problem in the country urgently needs greater involvement and participation of the people at the grassroots level.

This bill provides for the creation of one mandatory position of Barangay Nutrition Worker (BNW) in every barangay to address this basic concern of the community. It further seeks to professionalize the position of BNW by requiring the qualification to be at least a high school graduate.

Approval of this bill is therefore most earnestly urged.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

SENATE

S.B. No. 2397

Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

AN ACT
CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN
EVERY BARANGAY PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.1569

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Presidential Decree numbered fifteen hundred sixty-nine (P.D. No. 1569) entitled "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Nutrition Scholar in Every Barangay" is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM. To strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program, there shall be **CREATED** under the administration and **SUPERVISION** of the **NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY or MUNICIPALITY** and the **BARANGAY**, **ONE (1) MANDATORY POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY WITH A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00).**

SECTION 2. BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER. The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be **APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OR THE SANGGUNIANG Panlungsod MEMBERS, THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY CONCERNED AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL.** The barangay nutrition worker shall be responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, supplemental feeding and family planning to the barangay.

SECTION 3. SERVICES. The barangay nutrition worker, while [continuously learning] **UNDERGOING ACTUAL TRAINING** under this program, shall serve the barangay on a voluntary basis for at least a [period of one year] **SIX MONTHS. THEREAFTER, THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL SHALL ASSESS HIS/HER PERFORMANCE AND MAKE THE NECESSARY RECOMMENDATION FOR HIS/HER APPOINTMENT.**

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATION. The qualifications of a Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be as follows:

members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee. This team shall follow up the activities of the trained barangay nutrition worker.

SECTION 11. ROLE OF THE MAYOR. The Municipal City Mayor shall initiate activities to implement this project within the municipality, organize the local training teams and may recommend the appropriation by his municipality/city of a local counterpart in the form of additional allowance for the barangay nutrition worker.

SECTION 12. BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS STAFF SECRETARIAT. There shall be a staff secretariat in every province/city which shall monitor the progress of the program, identify its problems and recommend possible solutions thereto.

SECTION 13. NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL. The National Nutrition Council shall formulate rules and regulations, plans and programs within the limits set forth in this Act, allocate the funds for this project to the various provinces and/or agencies, for disbursement in accordance with the financial plan of the Barangay Nutrition Workers Project.

SECTION 14. DONATIONS. For the purposes of this Program, the National Nutrition Council and the local governments, are authorized to receive grants, donations, gifts or bequests from various government agencies and government corporations which shall be tax exempt.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount of One Million Pesos out of any available funds from the National Treasury or from the Special Activities Funds is hereby appropriated and authorized to be released for the organization and initial operation of the Council and the local governments for the purposes of this program. Local governments are likewise authorized to appropriate such amount necessary for the successful implementation of this program. **PROVIDED, THAT THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL APPROPRIATE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR PERSONAL SERVICES THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER, PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THIRD TO FIFTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER.**

THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5, 000.00) MONTHLY ALLOWANCE PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING ITS ENACTMENT.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. If any of the provisions or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders or any part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,