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A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING FOOD CHAINS OPERATING IN TUGUEGARAO CITY TO GRANT DISCOUNTS FOR BULK PURCHASES MADE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall adopt and integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavors to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs for the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children;

WHEREAS, under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, a Senior Citizen is entitled to privileges, such as the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of the goods and services for the exclusive use and enjoyment of senior citizens, as provided by law;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (j) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9994, and Section 32 (j) of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442, provides that the government may grant special discounts in special program for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities, respectively, on purchase of basic necessities and prime commodities, subject to the guidelines issued for this purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA);

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, basic necessities refer to rice, corn, bread, fresh, dried and canned fish and other marine products, fresh pork, beef and poultry, meat, fresh eggs, fresh and processed milk, fresh vegetables, roots crops, coffee, sugar, cooking oil, salt, laundry soap, detergents and drugs classified as essential by Department of Health (DOH) and other commodities as may be classified by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) according to Republic Act No. 7581 or the Price Act;

WHEREAS, prime commodities under Republic Act No. 9994, also known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, refer to fresh fruits, flour, dried, processed and canned pork, beef and poultry, meat, dairy products not falling under basic necessities; noodles, onion, garlic and all drugs not classified as essential drugs by the Department of Health (DOH) and other commodities that may be classified by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) according to Republic Act No. 7581 or the Price Act;

WHEREAS, business establishments including food chains may allow the purchase in bulk with discounts provided the transactions were made and intended for the program and activities initiated by or conducted for the senior citizens association and for the exclusive use and enjoyment of its members;

WHEREAS, the association may avail or request for a discounts with the following requirements to be shown or submitted:

1. List of the names of the members in the organization
2. Machine copy of each of the Individual Senior Citizen Identification Card issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA)
3. Authorization letter duly signed by the Senior Citizen members
4. The purchase of said goods shall be made by its Officers
5. The authorized representative at the time of purchase shall present his/her OSCA Identification Card

WHEREAS, the fund saved through discount transactions shall accrue to the benefit of the association especially to the members who belong to the less fortunate sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to EARNESTLY REQUEST BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING FOOD CHAINS OPERATING IN TUGUEGARAO CITY TO GRANT DISCOUNTS FOR BULK PURCHASES MADE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION.