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Hon. Dayrit:

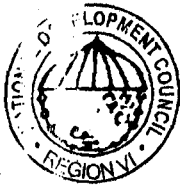
This is to favorably endorse a copy of RDC VI Resolution No.66, Series of 2002, entitled: "Resolution Enjoining All Private and Government Hospitals, Rural Health Units and Lying-ins of Region VI to Adopt the Implementation of Newborn Screening Project and to Conduct Information Dissemination on the project, Particularly, at the Barangay level".

Thank you for your continuous support to all CHD6 endeavors.

Very truly yours,

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RDC VI Resolution No. 66
Series of 2002

RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, RURAL HEALTH UNITS, AND LYING-INS OF REGION VI TO ADOPT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW BORN SCREENING PROJECT AND TO CONDUCT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY, AT THE BARANGAY LEVEL

WHEREAS, New Born Screening is a public health tool that enables early detection and management of certain inborn errors of metabolic disorders, which if left untreated, may lead to mental retardation and even death;

WHEREAS, the package includes detection of five disorders namely: Congenital hypothyroidism, Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia, Phenylketonuria, Galactosemia and Glucose 6 Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency;

WHEREAS, out of 146 health facilities (private and government hospitals, rural health units and lying-ins) in Region VI, only 18 are implementing this project;

WHEREAS, only 1,693 (21.03%) out of 8,052 total deliveries in Region VI this year have undergone Newborn Screening, and 405 of these babies were found positive in any of the five disorders;

WHEREAS, there is still a need to expand these services to more health facilities in order to prevent the possibilities of mental retardation and deaths among infants;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to conduct information dissemination on the project, particularly, at the barangay level to create public awareness on the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to enjoin all private, government hospitals, rural health units and lying-ins to adopt the implementation of Newborn Screening Project and to conduct information dissemination on the project, particularly, at the barangay level.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED during the 4th Quarter RDC VI Regular meeting held on December 12, 2002 at the RDC Conference Hall, NEDA VI Building, Iloilo City

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