



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X  
NORTHERN MINDANAO

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X**  
Resolution No. 91 (s. 2020)

**SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BREASTFEEDING-SEAT  
INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CENTER FOR HEALTH  
DEVELOPMENT-NORTHERN MINDANAO AND ENJOINING THE LAND  
TRANSPORTATION AND FRANCHISING REGULATORY BOARD  
TO SUPPORT REPUBLIC ACT 10028**

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2010, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed into law Republic Act (RA) No. 10028, otherwise known as the “Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009,” a national policy that encourages, protects, and supports the practice of breastfeeding;

**WHEREAS**, one of the mandates of RA No. 10028 is the establishment of lactation stations that are accessible to breastfeeding women as may be appropriate, whether it be in health facilities or non-health establishments, including public places, and public utility vehicles (PUVs);

**WHEREAS**, the latest survey done in 2015 on the Nutritional Status of Filipino Children/Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) revealed that ‘exclusive breastfeeding’ for those six months old and below fell from 66.7 percent in 2013 to 59.5 percent in 2015, as well as ‘initiation within the first hour fell from 82.9 percent in 2013 to 74.4 percent in 2015 for the region;

**WHEREAS**, on 12 October 2015, the Regional Breastfeeding/Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Task Force resolved to request all bus liners travelling intra-region to allocate an exclusive seat for breastfeeding mothers;

**WHEREAS**, based on monitoring done by the Regional IYCF Task Force, only one operator complied with the said request;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the concern for the health and welfare of the infant and young children in the region, as well as the breastfeeding mothers, the RDC-X Social Development Committee, during its Third Quarter Meeting on 1 October 2020, recommended for the RDC-X to support the Breastfeeding-Seat Initiative of the Department of Health Center for Health and Development-Northern Mindanao (DOH CHD-NM).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, on a motion by Regional Director Raul C. Alvarez, Jr., CESO III of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office X (CHED-X), and Vice-Chairperson (RLA) of the RDC-X Social Development Committee, and seconded by Regional Director Linda O. Boniao, CESO V of

the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Office X (DTI-X), to support the implementation of the Breastfeeding-Seat Initiative of the DOH CHD-NM;


**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to enjoin the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to issue a directive requiring all bus operators to designate a breastfeeding seat in all buses with inter and intra-region routes;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the LTFRB to re-assess the assignment of the breastfeeding-seat in buses and provide measures to ensure privacy of the breastfeeding mothers;


**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to National and Regional Offices of the LTFRB, the Region X LGUs, the DOH and NNC Central and Region X offices, the RDC-X members, and other concerned stakeholders for appropriate action and support.

**Approved**, 08 October 2020  
123<sup>rd</sup> RDC-X Full Council Meeting  
*Via video conferencing through Zoom*


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In re:

**DESIGNATION OF BREASTFEEDING SEATS IN  
PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES OPERATING WITHIN  
REGION 10**

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- LTFRB R-X  
**RELEASED**  
DATE: JUN 23 2022

**PROVISIONAL ORDER**

In 2016, the Regional Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Task Force-X issued Resolution No. 01, series of 2016, which requested the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) – Region 10 to enjoin all public utility bus (PUB) operators in this region to designate breastfeeding seats inside their buses pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the “*Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009*”, which mandated the establishment of lactation stations accessible to breastfeeding women, as may be appropriate, whether it be in health or non-health facilities, establishments, or institutions, including public places, and to create an environment where basic physical, emotional and psychological needs of mothers and infants are fulfilled through the practice of breastfeeding.

The law also aimed to promote the provisions of the 1987 Constitution which mandated the State to *defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development* (Section 3 (2), Article XV) and to *protect working women by providing safe and healthful working conditions, taking into consideration their maternal functions, and such facilities and opportunities which will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation* (Section 14, Article XIII).

The aforementioned resolution was a product of a series of consultative meetings between the Regional IYCF Task Force-X and LTFRB-Region 10 wherein the said task force stressed the importance of the designation of reserved seats for breastfeeding mothers in public utility buses.

Then, on October 8, 2020, the Regional Development Council (RDC)-X, in support of the implementation of the breastfeeding-seat initiative of the Department of Health-Center for Health Development-Northern Mindanao, issued Resolution No. 91, s. 2020, which enjoined the LTFRB to issue a directive requiring all bus operators to designate breastfeeding seats in all buses with inter and intra-region routes. In its meetings on June 28, 2021 and November 26, 2021, the Regional IYCF Task Force-X reiterated its request for the said breastfeeding seats and urged the LTFRB-Region 10 to require all PUB operators operating within the region to designate the said seats in their buses so that the initiative will be implemented as soon as possible.

Consequently, on December 3, 2021, the LTFRB-Region 10 held a virtual meeting with the members of the Regional IYCF Task Force-X and PUB operators of the region, namely, Rural Transit Mindanao, Inc. (RTMI), Super 5 Transport, PABAMA Express and Bagong Lipunan Transit, Inc., to orient the said PUB operators on the requested breastfeeding seat and discuss the specifications which would be acceptable to DOH and LTFRB standards. At the said meeting, the Regional IYCF-X proposed that the designated breastfeeding seat should be two (2) full seats of the third row immediately from the driver’s seat. The proposal was acceptable to all those present at the meeting and was decided that it shall be the standard specification to be followed in all PUB units operating within the region. The said PUB operators assured that they will designate the subject seats in their buses as soon as they receive an official directive from the LTFRB-Region 10.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and considering the urgency of the aforementioned request of the Regional IYCF Task Force-X, and pursuant to paragraph k, section 5 of Executive Order No. 202 which empowered the LTFRB to *formulate, promulgate, administer, implement and enforce rules and regulations on land transportation public utilities, standards of measurements and/or design, and rules and regulations requiring operators of any public land transportation service to equip, install and provide in their utilities and in their stations such devices, equipment, facilities and operating procedures and techniques as may promote safety, protection, comfort and convenience to persons and property in their charges as well as the safety of persons and property within their areas of operations*, all public utility bus (PUB) operators operating within this region are hereby directed to **DESIGNATE RESERVED SEATS FOR BREASTFEEDING WOMEN IN THEIR PUB UNITS WHICH SHALL BE THE TWO (2) FULL SEATS OF THE THIRD ROW IMMEDIATELY FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT** indicated by a sticker or sign, which shall be displayed at the said reserved seat; Provided, however, that should there be no breastfeeding women among the passengers, said seats may be occupied by regular passengers. The breastfeeding sticker or sign may be requested by the concerned PUB operator from the DOH-Region 10 with the assistance of the Regional IYCF Task Force-X.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall be provisionally effective until a memorandum circular is issued by the Board *en banc* amending, repealing, or sustaining its provisions in whole or in part.

SO ORDERED.

JUN 23 2022

Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines, \_\_\_\_\_

  
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