RSC-CAR Resolution No. 04
Series of 2019

INVITING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES TO SUPPORT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE 30TH NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH CELEBRATION AND THE 14TH NATIONAL CONVENTION ON STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of the National Statistics Month (NSM) aims to enhance regionwide awareness and appreciation of the value and importance of statistics to the different sectors and to elicit the support and cooperation of the public to statistical activities by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 647 issued on 20 September 1990 by then President Corazon C. Aquino;

WHEREAS, coinciding with NSM celebration on October 2019 is the conduct of the 14th National Convention on Statistics (NCS) which is conducted every three years by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) by virtue of Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2017 - 073 "Approving the Conduct of the National Convention on Statistics Every Three Years."

WHEREAS, the NCS aims to: a.) to provide a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences in the field of statistics and for discussing recent statistical developments and prevailing issues and problems of the PSS; and b.) to elicit the cooperation and support of statisticians and professionals in related fields from the government, academe and private sector towards a more responsive statistical system;

WHEREAS, the 30th NSM celebration and the 14th NCS carry the theme, *"Data Innovation: Key to a Better Nation,"* which signifies the importance of innovation in the provision of quality statistics which will help policymakers design responsive and evidence-based plans and programs towards a better nation;

WHEREAS, the public and private agencies are encouraged to participate in the 14th NCS on October 1-3, 2019 and to conduct activities in support to the 30th NSM for the whole month of October 2019 which may be in the form of symposia, workshops, orientation seminars, exhibits, slide shows and publication of statistical reports, indicators, and other relevant information in accordance with the capabilities of the participating agencies and organizations, and to display/hang the NSM streamer and NCS posters in office building facades;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT:

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the RSC-CAR invites all public and private agencies in the Cordillera Administrative Region to support and actively participate in the 30th NSM celebration and 14th NCS;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PSA-CAR shall provide the agencies/institutions with the consolidated 30th NSM Regional Calendar of Activities;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the agencies, LGUs and institutions shall furnish the RSC-CAR through the PSA-CAR as RSC Secretariat with reports on the conducted NSM activities on or before November 15, 2019 for documentation.

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Certified True and Correct:

CAMILLE CARLA U. BELTRAN
RSC-CAR Head of Secretariat
(OIC, Statistical Operations and Coordination Division,
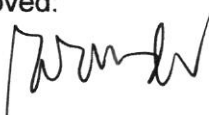PSA-CAR)

Attested:

VILLAFE P. ALIBUYOG
RSC-CAR Vice-Chair
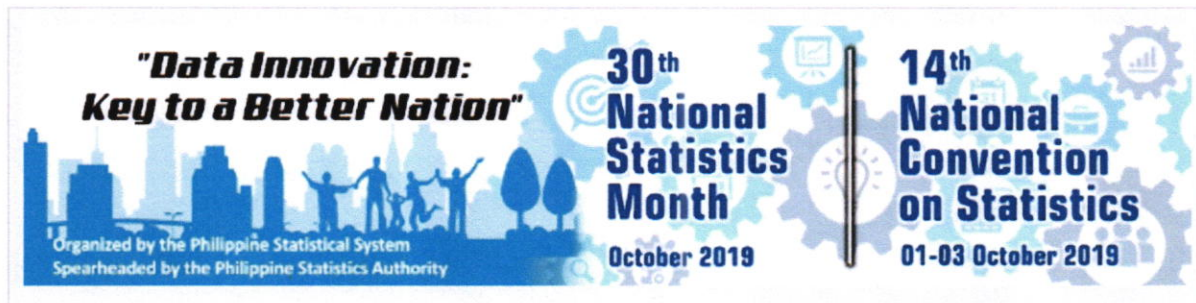(Regional Director, PSA-CAR)

Approved:

MILAGROS A. RIMANDO, CESO II
RSC-CAR Chairperson
(Regional Director, NEDA-CAR)

Attached: Concept Note on the 30ᵗʰ NSM and 14ᵗʰ NCS theme

Theme Explanation:

"Data Innovation: Key to a Better Nation"

Through the years, data plays a vital role in the day-to-day existence of people and organizations alike. Data, when processed, disseminated and utilized properly, becomes sound basis for effective decision- and policy-making. In coming up with solid and effective plans and decisions, the provision of reliable and timely data is essential which can further be guaranteed through data innovation.

"Data innovation refers to the use of new or non-traditional data sources and methods to gain a more nuanced understanding of development changes." 1 Innovations such as on business intelligence (BI), analytics, visualization, data management, machine learning, internet of things (IoT), have shown vast potential for the overall improvement of the data ecosystem, particularly in the provision of better quality data. Given the huge and complex network of data producers, providers and users, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) continually adopts new and innovative ways to meet the growing demands and challenges of an ever-expanding data ecosystem.

The data revolution involving big data and new technologies is advancing very fast which necessitates commensurate response from the PSS by way of gradually switching from traditional to new methods and models to accurately measure progress and produce useful and reliable data for planning. In response to the demands of the Philippine Development Plan and other national, sectoral and local development plans, as well as international commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, the Philippine Statistical Development Program 2018-2023 emphasizes the need for data innovation to generate quality statistics with relevant disaggregation from censuses, surveys, administrative data, and registers, among others.

Thus, the 30th National Statistics Month and the 14th National Convention on Statistics aptly adopt the theme, "Data Innovation: Key to a Better Nation." The theme highlights the importance of innovating statistical systems, processes and technologies in coming up with quality statistics – statistics that will be used by data users, especially planners, policymakers and program implementers who are in the best position to shape the future of the country and of its people. With better policies and programs based on quality statistics that are produced through effective innovations, the Filipino people will be assured of the achievement of the country's long-term vision of a simple and comfortable life for all.