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**ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AGENCY REGIONAL
OFFICES IN WESTERN VISAYAS TO STRENGTHEN CANCER
PREVENTION AND CONTROL, SCREENING TREATMENT,
AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE
NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER
CONTROL ACT**

Attached is Regional Advisory No. 176, s. 2026, from the Department of
Education – Region VI dated May 13, 2026, which is self-explanatory.

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Attached is RDC VI Resolution No. 25, s. 2026 titled **Enjoining Local Government Units and Agency Regional Offices in Western Visayas to Strengthen Cancer Prevention and Control, Screening, Treatment, and Policy Implementation Under the National Integrated Cancer Control Act.**

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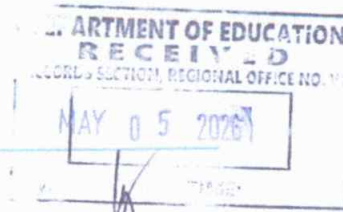


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**FOR : PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
AND AGENCY REGIONAL OFFICES IN WESTERN VISAYAS**

SUBJECT : RDC VI Resolution No. 25, s. 2026

DATE : May 4, 2026

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of RDC VI Resolution No. 25, s. 2026, "ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AGENCY REGIONAL OFFICES IN WESTERN VISAYAS TO STRENGTHEN CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL, SCREENING, TREATMENT, AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL ACT", for information and appropriate action.

We will appreciate if your focal staff can fill out and email back the attached acknowledgment slip to the RDC VI Secretariat at dro6.rdc@depdev.gov.ph.

Thank you very much and best regards.

Very truly yours,

Digitally signed by
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ENGR. ARECIO A. CASING, JR., CESO III
Vice Chairperson, RDC VI
Regional Director, DEPDev VI

Attachments: RDC VI Resolution No. 25, s. 2026
Acknowledgement/Reply Slip for LGUs/RLAs



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RDC VI Resolution No. 25
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ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AGENCY REGIONAL OFFICES IN WESTERN VISAYAS TO STRENGTHEN CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL, SCREENING, TREATMENT, AND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL ACT

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11215 or National Integrated Cancer Control Act provides that **DOH, LGUs, and other government agencies** concerned shall strengthen the capability of public health systems and facilities, provision of services and continuum of care for persons with cancer through the following:

- 1) Allocate adequate resources for investments in health facility renovation or upgrade, inclusive of technologies and equipment for use in cancer treatment and care from cancer diagnosis to cancer rehabilitation;
- 2) Develop robust and effective patient referral pathways across levels of health service delivery;
- 3) Provide reliable supply of cancer drugs and cancer control related vaccines to patients by ensuring that health facilities and local health centers have sufficient supply of essential medicines and vaccines;
- 4) Establish clear standards and guidelines for patient care, psychosocial support, palliative care and pain management and to clearly provide individualized support during the cancer journey, facilitating access to information and resources as needed, throughout the cancer continuum of care;
- 5) Establish and strengthen community level of care for cancer patients, cancer survivors, and people living with cancer, of all genders and ages; and
- 6) facilities and international institutions, for knowledge and resource sharing;

WHEREAS, RA 11215 further provides the following:

- 1) **DOH**, in collaboration with LGUs leagues and LGU-based health associations shall formulate, implement and update capacity development program for all health care workers providing cancer care service and support at all levels of the health care delivery system (*Section 13*);
- 2) **CHED** shall encourage HEIs to offer degree programs for high priority oncology-related specializations and continuing education programs related to oncological treatment and care (*Section 14*);
- 3) **DOH, in collaboration with LGUs**, cancer focused professional societies, academic institutions, shall lead the observance of National Cancer Awareness Month (*Section 16*);
- 4) **CHED and DepED, in coordination with the DOH**, shall develop policies and provide technical guidance to academic institutions and administrators relating to *Cancer Health Education* in schools, colleges, and universities Month (*Section 17*);

- 5) **DOLE, CSC, and TESDA, in coordination with the DOH**, shall develop policies and provide technical guidance to employers, employees associations, and unions pertaining to *Health Education and Promotion in the Workplace (Section 18)*;
- 6) **DILG and LGUs, in collaboration with the DOH regional offices**, shall lead the health education and promotion campaign in local communities, including out-of-school youth. The **DILG, in coordination with the DSWD**, shall conduct and promote age appropriate and gender sensitive cancer-focused health education (*Section 19*);
- 7) **DOH, in collaboration with the SSS, GSIS, PCSO, DOLE, DSWD, PhilHealth, and LGUs**, shall develop appropriate and easily accessible social protection mechanisms for cancer patients, people living with cancer, cancer survivors, their families and carers (*Section 22*).

WHEREAS, several policies and guidelines were also issued to support the objectives of the National Integrated Cancer Program:

- DOH Memorandum No. 2024-0143 provides the operational guidelines on the implementation of the nationwide cervical cancer screening services and to support the acceleration of cervical cancer elimination initiatives in the country;
- DOH Memorandum No. 2024-0359 provides interim operational guidelines on the implementation of the breast cancer early detection services;
- CSC Resolution No. 2400721 dated August 14, 2024 provides guidelines on workplace cancer control policy in the public sector;
- DOLE Advisory No. 20, s. 2023 outlines the guidelines in the implementation of the workplace policy and program on cancer prevention and control in the private sector; and
- DILG advisory dated October 3, 2025 mandates the mobilization of LGUs for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) information, prevention, and cervical cancer early detection and support programs;

WHEREAS, during the First Quarter Meeting of RDC VI's Social Development Committee (SDC) last March 5, 2026, the DOH - Center for Health Development Region VI identified the following challenges in the cancer program of Western Visayas:

- limited funding for testing kits and treatment equipment;
- shortage of HPV vaccines;
- fear, stigma, and lack of awareness that discourage screening;
- financial constraints in accessing cancer screening and treatments especially the marginalized sectors; and
- low uptake for preventable cases such as cervical cancer screening services;¹

¹ In 2025, the DOH targeted 10 percent of women aged 30-65 or an equivalent of two million women nationwide for cervical cancer screening. However, based on the 2025 National Cervical Cancer Screening Services Report, only 286,149 women or 1.40 percent availed of the service. In Western Visayas, only 3,785 women or 0.43 percent of the target were screened.

WHEREAS, as action, the SDC recommended for the strengthening of the Cancer Program in the Western Visayas through the active collaboration of LGUs and concerned government agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by Regional Director Dr. Raul F. Muyong of the Commission on Higher Education, and was severally seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is **HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin LGUs and agency regional offices in Western Visayas to strengthen cancer prevention and control screening, treatment and policy implementation under the National Integrated Cancer Control Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the LGUs shall

- help allocate funds for procurement of HPV DNA Testing kits and treatment equipment (e.g. Thermal Ablation Machine) for their rural health centers, possibly using the Gender And Development (GAD) funds, and
- formulate ordinances and policies aligned with the National Integrated Cancer Control Act to institutionalize cancer prevention and control measures

RESOLVED LASTLY, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to provincial, city, and municipal LGUs and agency regional offices (DOH VI [lead], DILG VI, DOLE VI, DSWD VI, DepEd VI, CHED VI, CSC VI, TESDA VI, PhilHealth VI, GSIS Main Branch - Iloilo, and SSS Central Branch – Iloilo) in Western Visayas for appropriate action.

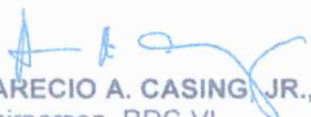
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED during the CY 2026 First Quarter RDC VI Full Council Meeting held on March 20, 2026 at the Isla Function Hall, Paradise Garden Resort Hotel and Convention Center, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.

Certified correct:



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT/REPLY SLIP OF LGUs/RLAs

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Please be informed that our office will take the following action/s on the said resolution:

Thank you.

Signature

Name
Position, Office

Date: _____

Please email this acknowledgment slip to the RDC VI Secretariat at dro6.rdc@depdev.gov.ph.

