

# TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

*Series of 2021*

### ***Supporting the Enactment of Additional Mechanisms to Accelerate COVID-19 Recovery and Bolster the Resiliency of the Philippine Economy***

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10395 or “An Act Strengthening Tripartism, Amending for the Purpose Article 275 of the Presidential Decree No. 442, as amended otherwise known as the Labor Code of the Philippines”, the National Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (NTIPC), comprised of labor, employer, and government representatives, is constituted as the main consultative body for tripartite advisement and consultation in the formulation and review of labor, economic, and social policies;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 September 2020, the President signed Proclamation No. 1021 s. 2020 extending the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until 21 September 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Congress enacted the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act (Bayanihan 1) and the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2) that mandated cash aid programs for the most affected Filipino workers and families, equipped the government in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19, and allocated funds for the country’s COVID-19 health and economic response;

**WHEREAS**, despite these legislative measures, this unprecedented crisis continues to negatively affect our economy and employment. In 2020, gross domestic product or GDP contracted by 9.6 percent, the worst in the post-World War II<sup>1</sup>, while annual unemployment rate rose to 10.3 percent accounting for 4.5 million unemployed Filipinos, the highest since April 2005<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported an improvement in the economy with a slower GDP contraction of 4.2 percent in the first quarter of

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Statement of the Duterte Administration’s Economic Managers on the Philippine Economic Performance for the Fourth Quarter and Full-Year of 2020, <https://www.neda.gov.ph/joint-statement-of-the-duterte-administrations-economic-managers-on-the-philippine-economic-performance-for-the-fourth-quarter-and-full-year-of-2020/>.

<sup>2</sup> Philippine Statistics Office, 8 March 2021, 2020 Annual Preliminary Estimates of Labor Force Survey, <https://psa.gov.ph/statistics/survey/labor-and-employment/labor-force-survey/title/2020%20Annual%20Preliminary%20Estimates%20of%20Labor%20Force%20Survey%20%28LFS%29>

2021<sup>3</sup> and a lower unemployment rate of 7.7 percent equivalent to 3.73 million unemployed in May 2021<sup>4</sup>, as the government recalibrates its efforts to ensure the safe reopening of the economy through implementing risk-based quarantine measures and expediting the vaccination of essential workers;

**WHEREAS**, with new variants of COVID-19 being detected in the country, economic and employment recovery remains a challenge;

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives approved in third reading House Bill No. 9411 or the Bayanihan to Arise as One Act (Bayanihan 3), allocating P405-billion for government interventions to address the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate the country's recovery;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with participatory governance, the employer and labor sectors presented during the Labor Day Job Summit their respective collective employment recovery recommendations serving as reference for the next administration's recovery plan and complementing the National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) 2021-2022 formally adopted on 25 June 2021 pursuant to Executive Order No. 140;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the NTIPC, fully support the legislation of additional mechanisms to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic and to continue the income guarantee for displaced or disadvantaged workers and wage subsidy for micro, small, and medium enterprises.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the NTIPC supports the full implementation of existing mechanisms for economic and employment recovery from the pandemic.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the NTIPC strongly encourages the massive vaccination of workers, provision of paid skills training, strategic employment facilitation, strong public health system, financial incentives for private enterprises retaining their employees, improved public transportation, and upgraded digital infrastructure as key to restoring jobs and building back better our economy.

**APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

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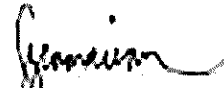
<sup>3</sup> Joint Statement of the Duterte Administration's Economic Managers on the Philippine Economic Performance for the First Quarter of 2021, <https://www.neda.gov.ph/joint-statement-of-the-duterte-administrations-economic-managers-on-the-philippine-economic-performance-for-the-first-quarter-of-2021/>

<sup>4</sup> Philippine Statistics Office, 8 June 2021, May 2021 Labor Force Survey, <https://psa.gov.ph/content/unemployment-rate-may-2021-estimated-77-percent>.

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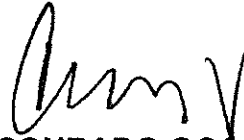
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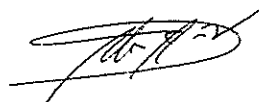
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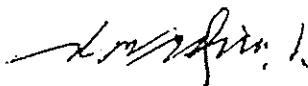
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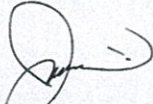




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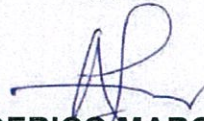
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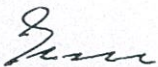
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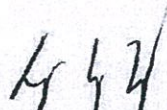


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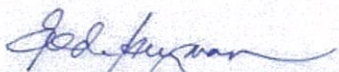





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