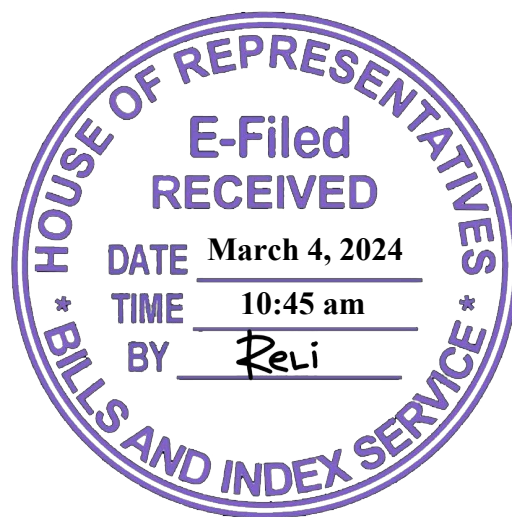




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House Bill No. **10011**

Introduced by Representative TEODORICO "NONONG" T. HARESCO, JR.

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KADIWA NI ANI AT KITA PROGRAM,
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A KADIWA CENTER IN EVERY CITY
AND MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Food security stands as one of the most pressing and critical issues facing our nation today. It is a multifaceted challenge that encompasses not only the availability of food but also its accessibility, affordability, and nutritional adequacy for every Filipino citizen. In recent years, we have made significant strides in improving food production and distribution, yet persistent gaps remain, particularly in ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to safe and nutritious food.

The importance of food security cannot be overstated, as it directly affects the well-being and livelihoods of our people. The Philippines, being a nation with a rich agricultural heritage, has the potential to be a regional and global food basket. However, this potential is often hampered by various factors, including unequal access to resources, climate change, price fluctuations, and market inefficiencies.

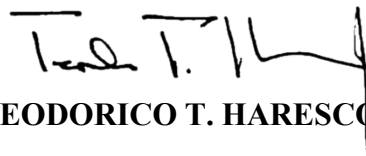
The Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita (Kadiwa) program, first launched on September 13, 2019 by the Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government, and Food Terminal Inc. (FTI), a Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC), has been a shining example of government-led initiatives that address two fundamental issues facing our nation: food security and the welfare of our farmers and fisherfolk.

With the successful implementation of the program especially in making agricultural produce affordable and accessible to the general public, this bill seeks to institutionalize and expand upon the highly remarkable "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" program and establish local Kadiwa Centers in every city and municipality in the country. This program, borne out of a deep commitment to uplifting the lives of our farmers and fisherfolk, is rooted in the core principle of providing affordable, safe, and nutritious food to our fellow citizens, while ensuring fair compensation for our agricultural producers. By establishing a direct link between our agricultural producers and consumers, it not only bridges the gap in the supply chain but also empowers our farmers and fisherfolk to secure the best prices for their goods.

This proposed legislation aims to make "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" a permanent fixture of our agricultural landscape by mandating the establishment of a Kadiwa Center in every city and municipality across the nation. These centers will serve as vital hubs for the distribution of major agricultural products at reasonable prices, ensuring that no Filipino household, especially those in need, is left without access to nutritious and affordable food.

In line with our nation's commitment to inclusive growth and sustainable development, this bill also allocates the necessary funds to support the continued operation and expansion of the Kadiwa Centers. These funds will not only guarantee the sustainability of the program but also enable it to evolve and adapt to the ever-changing needs of our people and the agricultural sector.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Kadiwa Centers Act*”.

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3 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to prioritize
4 and safeguard the well-being of its citizens by ensuring food security for all. The government
5 shall commit to the equitable access of every Filipino to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food as
6 a fundamental human right. This commitment extends to the empowerment of farmers and
7 fisherfolk, the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices, the facilitation of efficient
8 agricultural markets, and the active involvement of local governments and public-private
9 partnerships in achieving food security. Through research, innovation, accountability,
10 transparency, and rigorous monitoring and evaluation, this policy seeks to strengthen the
11 nation's resilience against hunger and malnutrition while fostering the prosperity of its
12 agricultural sector. The institutionalization of the "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" program serves as a
13 cornerstone in realizing these policy objectives.

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15 **SECTION 3. *Institutionalizing the Kadiwa Program.*** – The "Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para
16 sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita" also known as the "Kadiwa ni Ani At Kita" or simply
17 “Kadiwa”, a program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), is hereby institutionalized to
18 ensure stable food supply, promote locally produced agricultural and fishery products
19 nationwide, and create a direct and increased access of consumers to the products.

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21 The DA, in close coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs), shall establish and
22 manage Kadiwa Centers in every city and municipality. The mandatory establishment of these
23 Kadiwa Centers by the LGUs shall select among the following modes:

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25 a) Kadiwa Retail or Direct Selling – establishing physical food terminals to accommodate
26 products of farmers and fisherfolks for sale to customers and food suppliers;
27 b) Kadiwa on Wheels – using rolling stores in vehicles to bring agriculture and fisheries
28 products to barangays and villages;
29 c) Kadiwa sa Pamahalaan – establishing trading centers within the proximity of the

government's property or office through in cooperation with the DA or other government agency within the LGU.

SECTION 4. *Kadiwa Center Plan.* – In line with this Act, the DA shall develop the following:

- a) Comprehensive plan of rolling out the program in every city and municipality, in consultation with LGUs and stakeholders;
- b) Outlined process and mutual assistance between the DA, LGUs, and other concerned government agencies and the private sector;
- c) Schedule of short-term, medium-term, and long-term targets on research and development, marketing, trade promotion/initiatives, capacity building, among others.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Interior and Local Government and other relevant stakeholders and institutions, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged under the DA. Thereafter, funds for this purpose shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. *Non-Impairment Clause.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,