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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A KADIWA NI ANI AT KITA STORE IN BARANGAY NORTH FAIRVIEW IN QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Food security remains a growing problem in the Philippines. In a report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the Philippines recorded the most number of food insecure people in Southeast Asia in 2017 to 2019, with 59 million Filipinos suffering from moderate to severe lack of consistent access to food, a drastic and alarming increase from 44.9 million recorded in 2014 to 2016.[1]

As the COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected livelihoods and access to food, food insecurity is expected to climb up. Fortunately, government efforts to address food insecurity while also providing better opportunities to our farmers and fisherfolk have sprung up with the "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" Program.

The "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" Program, launched in 2019, is a collaborative project of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and Local Government, and Food Terminal Inc. (FTI), a Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation. This project establishes a direct link between farmers and fisherfolk, direct producers of food, to the consuming public.

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[1] FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. 2020. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020. Transforming food systems for affordable healthy diets. Rome, FAO. https://doi.org/10.4060/ca9692en

Through localized Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita stores, livelihood opportunities are secured for Filipino farmers and fisherfolk, while also ensuring food security in local government units (LGUs), especially in Metro Manila, that face food supply challenges amidst the pandemic.

In order to institutionalize food security efforts and livelihood opportunities to Filipino farmers and fisherfolk, this bill seeks to establish a Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store in a public market in Barangay North Fairview in Quezon City. The Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store shall provide a sustainable direct marketing link between accredited farmers and fisherfolk and the local consumers through the local government unit, while ensuring that the farm and fishery products are fresh, healthy, and affordable. Additionally, this will complement the Republic Act No. 11321 or the Sagip Saka Act, which provides for the direct purchase of agricultural and fishery products by local government agencies.

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

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

SECTION 1. ***Short Title***. – This Act shall be known as the "*Barangay North Fairview Kadiwa Store Act*".

SECTION 2. ***Barangay North Fairview Kadiwa Store.*** **–** There is hereby established a Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store hereinafter referred to as the "Kadiwa Store" in Barangay North Fairview in Quezon City.

The Kadiwa Store established by this Act shall be located in a public market in Barangay North Fairview. *Provided,* That the Kadiwa Store shall be a safe and publicly accessible location wherein farm and fishery products are ensured to be fresh, healthy and affordable.

Provided Further, That the Kadiwa Store shall be under the control and supervision of the Market Supervisor who shall likewise ensure a sustainable direct marketing link between accredited farmers and fisherfolk and the local consumers through the local government unit.

SECTION 3. ***Funding.*** – The amount necessary for the establishment of the Kadiwa Store shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Agriculture. The maintenance of the Kadiwa Store established shall be the responsibility and shall be charged to Barangay North Fairview.

SECTION 4. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** **–** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall, in coordination with the Local Government Unit and other stakeholders, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. ***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 6. ***Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Act which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,