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Indigenous knowledge and practices provide valuable insights and tools for ensuring environmental sustainability and climate resilience. It is lamentable, however, that despite emitting negligible carbon emissions, indigenous cultural communities and indigenous peoples are among the first to face the direct consequences of climate change.

Thus, on this **National Indigenous Peoples' Month** and the **23rd Commemoration of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997**, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) renews its commitment to sustained multi-stakeholder action to build and ensure the resilience of indigenous peoples in this era of climate change.

In 2018, the CCC passed a resolution that mandates the integration of the knowledge, systems, and practices of indigenous peoples on climate change adaptation in the Local Climate Change Action Plans and Annual Investment Plans of local government units.

The CCC shall strengthen the implementation of this policy to ensure the inclusion of the indigenous peoples and their specific needs and interests in all climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction programs of government.

To this end, the CCC shall always seize and maximize the opportunity to harness the potentials of the indigenous peoples as agents of change and transformation in advancing climate action and sustainable development in the country.

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