[PRC PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 01, S. 2009, January 22, 2009]

CODE OR MANUAL OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR REGISTERED AND LICENSED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

WHEREAS, "TECHNICAL STANDARDS" refers to acceptable principles and regulations for the adequate practice of guidance and counseling, further measure the guidance counselor's personal integrity in thought and conduct, and determining them criterion of professional work excellence;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board of Guidance and Counseling, hereinafter called the Board, is empowered to "(i) [P]romulgate rules and regulations including xxx the Code or Manual of Technical Standards for Guidance Counselors xxx to carry out the provisions of R.A. No. 9258", and "(r) [A]dopt measures necessary and proper for the high and ethical and professional standards in the maintenance of the practice of the profession;" "(j) [I]nvestigate violation xxx Code or Manual of Technical Standards xxx;" "(I) [R]ender decision, order, or resolution or in preliminary in or inquiry against violators of xxx Code of Technical Standards xxx;" (m) [I]ssue, suspend, revoke, or re-issue any license [Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card] for the practice of Guidance and Counseling as defined in this Act"; (Sec. 5 Powers, xxx of the Board, Art. II of R.A. No. 9258, known as the "Guidance and Counseling Act of 2004");

WHEREAS, Sec. 24, Art. II of R.A. No. 9258 states, to wit: "Sec. 24 xxx The Certificate of registration may be revoked or suspended xxx for violation xxx Code of Technical Standards for Guidance Counselors xxx";

WHEREAS, "Any unethical practice of guidance and counseling as may be defined in a xxx Code of Technical standards to be prepared by the Board in consultation with guidance and counselors, is prohibited." (Par. 3, Sec. 27, Art. IV of R.A. No. 9258); and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the powers thereof under Sec. 5 (i) and (r), Art. II of R.A. No. 9258 drafted the Code of Technical Standards for Registered and Licensed Guidance Counselors, after consultation with the *Interim* Accredited Professional Organization of Guidance Counselors and other associations, affiliate and submitted the same to the Commission for the approval of the latter as part of the rules and regulations of the "Guidance and Counseling Act of 2004";

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to promulgate and issue the "Code of Technical Standards for Registered and Licensed Guidance Counselors," Annex "A"* to this Resolution, and an integral part of Board Res. No. 02, Series of 2007, known as the "Rules and Regulations of the Guidance Counseling Act of 2004".