## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between:

The VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY, an institution of higher learning established under Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700 and converted into a state university by virtue of republic Act No. 9158 and renamed as Visayas State University by virtue of Republic Act No. 9347, with pricipal office at Baybay City, Leyte duly represented by its President DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES, herein called as the "FIRST PARTY";

and

The <u>8TH</u>REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEFENSE GROUP, ARMY RESERVE COMMAND herein represented by <u>COL. CASTOR O BAHIN MI INFANTRY (GENERAL STAFF CORPS) PHILIPPINE ARMY</u> with principal office at <u>CAMP DOWNES</u>, <u>ORMOC CITY</u>, herein referred to as the "SECOND PARTY".

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Republic Act No 9163, otherwise known as the NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM ACT OF 2001, MANDATES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A National Service Training Program (NSTP), which shall form part of the curricula of all baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two (2) year technical-vocational courses as a requisite for graduation.

WHEREAS, the National Service Training Program (NSTP) Act of 2001 is aimed at enhancing civic consciousness and defense preparedness in the youth by developing the ethics of service and patriotism while undergoing training in any of these program components: Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS), Literacy Training Service (LTS), and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

**WHEREAS**, the FIRST PARTY, being an institution of higher learning, is mandated by RA 9163 to offer at least one of the program components thereof.

WHEREAS, the SECOND PARTY is willing to provide and implement the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program for the FIRST PARTY that shall emphasize citizenship training and shall instill patriotism, moral virtues, respect for the rights of the civilians, and adherence to the Constitution of the Philippines.

**WHEREAS**, the FIRST PARTY and the SECOND PARTY, pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Service Training Program Act of 2001 (RA 9163), shall exercise joint supervision over the implementation of the NSTP-ROTC program.