


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**A RESOLUTION**

**DECLARING SUPPORT TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS (IYV) IN THE PHILIPPINES (IYV + 10) IN 2011, RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEERS IN DEVELOPMENT AND NATION-BUILDING AND ENJOINING THE PUBLIC TO ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES TOWARD A MEANINGFUL IYV + 10 CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has recognized volunteerism as a strategy to attain national development and international understanding and has encouraged the citizenry to render technical and humanitarian services in the spirit of volunteerism;

WHEREAS, the Philippines maintains a close and harmonious relations with the international community in promoting volunteerism and mobilizing local and foreign volunteers for human and community development;

WHEREAS, the United Nations declared the celebration of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in 2001 aimed at enhanced promotion, facilitation, networking and recognition of volunteerism;

WHEREAS, the Philippines participated in the IYV celebration, spearheaded by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) as the government lead agency, and with the active involvement of the government and the private sector, by undertaking various volunteering initiatives and activities which created heightened public awareness of volunteerism and enhanced closer public-private partnership in volunteerism for nation-building;

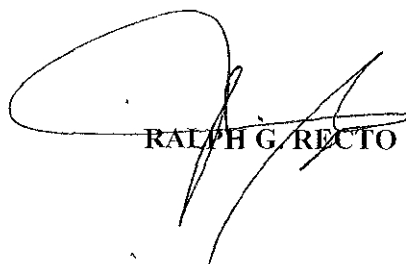
WHEREAS, after ten (10) years, the United Nations declared to commemorate the tenth anniversary of IYV (IYV + 10) in 2011, to consolidate the successes and build on the momentum created by IYV under the global theme "Volunteering for the MDGs!";

WHEREAS, IYV + 10 will be another window of opportunity to harness volunteer action, showcase and share best practices, develop new and relevant policies and programs and acknowledge the incalculable contributions of volunteers in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and responding to a wide range of development concerns including disaster risk reduction and promotion of global peace;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, IYV + 10 will be a fitting gesture to recognize the valuable and priceless time, talents, and energies willingly offered by the countless and nameless volunteers and volunteer groups and organizations for the welfare and upliftment of the life of the disadvantaged and marginalized sectors in the Philippines and encourage the citizenry to continue the Filipino tradition and culture of "bayanihan" thus making volunteerism a way of life;

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved*, by the Philippine Senate, to declare its support to the IYV + 10 celebration in the Philippines in 2011, recognize the role and contributions of volunteers in development and nation-building and enjoin the public to organize and support volunteering projects and activities toward a meaningful IYV + 10 celebration.

*Adopted,*

  
RALPH G. RECTO