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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ALARMING INCREASE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES IN THE COUNTRY**

*Whereas*, data from the Philippine National Police Women and Children Protection Center (PNP-WCPC) showed 6,647 incidents of violence against women in 2007, compared to 7,864 cases in 2008;

*Whereas*, of the total cases, 3,599 were related to domestic violence, an increase of 1,212 cases by year-end 2008 than the 2007 figure of 2,387;

*Whereas*, PNP-WCPC also reported an increase in crimes against children, from 6,688 in 2007 to 8,588 in 2008, 2,981 of which involved rape;

*Whereas*, PNP-WCPC records also revealed 1,450 physical injuries committed against children; 876 acts of lasciviousness; and 229 incestuous rapes in 2008;

*Whereas*, the number of cases of violence against women in 2006 reached 5,889;

*Whereas*, the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act (Anti-VAWCA) was passed in March 2004;

*Whereas*, Anti-VAWCA defines violence against women and their children as any act or a series of acts that results in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering, or economic abuse including threats of such acts;

*Whereas*, the remedies available to victims as stipulated in said Act are a) a Barangay Protection Order, b) civil action or petition for Temporary and/or Permanent Protection Order and c) criminal action for violation of RA 9262;

*Whereas*, the most common reported cases of violence against women were rape, incestuous rape, sexual harassment, abandonment, homicide, slander, parricide, threats, seduction, concubinage and others;

*Whereas*, in the case of children, violence included rape, incestuous rape, acts of lasciviousness, child trafficking, child labor, child prostitution, including minors abandoning their homes, seduction, abortion among others;

*Whereas*, the Constitution values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct a study on the alarming increase in domestic violence cases in the country.

Adopted,



**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator