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### RESOLUTION

#### URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 9262 OR THE ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004 AMIDST THE RISING TREND IN DOCUMENTED/REPORTED CASES SINCE ITS PASSAGE

*Whereas*, in 2004, the government passed Republic Act (RA) 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act;

*Whereas*, Section 2 of RA 9262 declares that, "the State values the dignity of women and children and guarantees full respect for human rights. The State also recognizes the need to protect the family and its members, particularly women and children, from violence and threats to their personal safety and security.";

*Whereas*, thousands of women suffer from domestic violence within marriage. In less than ten years, there was a big leap in the number of cases reported to police: 1,100 in 1996 shot up to over 6,500 by 2005.<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), women around the world face the threat of experiencing abuse at the hands of their partner or spouse;<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) reported a total of 14,040 cases in 2009, up by 32.1% from the 10,630 tally in 2008;

*Whereas*, the DSWD report showed that cases related to physical abuse and maltreatment, numbering 1,235 last year, remained the most common form of violence against women;<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, the Philippine National Police (PNP) reported 9,485 cases related to violence against women in 2009, a 37.4 percent increase from 6,905 cases in 2008;<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Marriage & Domestic Violence: A Fatal Combination in the Philippines, Yet Divorce Is Illegal*, Tess Raposas, January 16, 2008, [www.thewip.net](http://www.thewip.net)

<sup>2</sup> *Assessing the Personality Profile of Battered Women*, Alicia F. Estrellado, De La Salle University, ISSN 2094-1412, PEMEA, December 2010

<sup>3</sup> *Reported incidence of violence against women rises*, BusinessWorld online, July 21, 2010 <http://www.bworldonline.com/Research/economicindicators.php?id=0401>

<sup>4</sup> *Violence Against Women .At Home!* Dr. Romulo A. Virola, Secretary General, NSCB

*Whereas*, based on the PNP twelve-year period data from 1997-2009, abuse by an intimate partner accounts for 45.5% of all violent against women cases nationwide;<sup>5</sup>

*Whereas*, The Body Shop International estimates that 1.8 to 3.2 million children in the Philippines are exposed to domestic violence and suffer the traumatic effects for the rest of their lives, and this number escalates year after year.<sup>6</sup> Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 amidst the rising trend in documented/reported cases since its passage.

Adopted,

  
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<sup>5</sup>Philippine Commission on Women. (2010). Statistics on violence against Filipino women. <http://womensphere.wordpress.com/2009/02/14/domesticviolence-up-in-2008-in-the-philippines>.

<sup>6</sup> Behind Closed Doors, The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, UNICEF in partnership with The Body Shop International, 2006