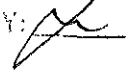


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE MEASURES THAT WILL PROMOTE A
“ZERO TOURISM WASTE” POLICY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature”;

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 18 January 2012 issue reported that the expected influx of tourists brought by the aggressive tourism campaign of the Department of Tourism, though commendable and well-meaning, could result in more waste in the country;

WHEREAS, it was reported that environmental group, EcoWaste Coalition, is pushing for tourism officials to adhere to a “Zero Tourism Waste” policy;

WHEREAS, the group reportedly urged the tourism department to educate establishments and facilities on ecological solid waste management, saying that a cleaner environment would also help attract more tourists in the country;

WHEREAS, despite several environmental laws, pollution and proper solid waste management continues to be a problem in the country;

WHEREAS, the State should enact measures that will prevent the further destruction of the environment with the expected rise of tourists in the country;

WHEREAS, the legislature should study the need to reform such environmental laws in order to make it more compliant with existing environmental conditions;

WHEREAS, stricter rules and regulations should be adapted, while a more aggressive enforcement of such rules and regulations should be implemented in order to ensure the preservation of the country’s natural resources and prized tourist destinations;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to create measures that will promote a “zero tourism waste” policy.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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