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RESOLUTION
URGING THAT A STUDY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE
BACKING UP AND STORING/ARCHIVING OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS AND FILES TO
AVOID LOSS AND DESTRUCTION IN TIMES OF NATURAL CALAMITIES AND
CATASTROPHES

WHEREAS, on 08 November 2013, Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) ravaged the province of Leyte, destroying almost everything standing along its path, including government offices and courts. Important government and court records and files were among those destroyed, leaving government dealings and transactions on hold, and litigants and court officials in abeyance in adjudicating legal controversies.

WHEREAS, in the province of Leyte, for instance, although the Registry of Deeds remained intact after Typhoon Yolanda, a significant number of survey plans in the DENR office were destroyed.

WHEREAS, after Typhoon Yolanda, the country is studying more efficient and effective ways of disaster risk reduction efforts. Admittedly, though, there will still be instances of strong forces of nature such as another super typhoon or earthquake in the near or far future wherein the country can prepare for the safety of peoples' lives, but not of the integrity of government structures or offices.

WHEREAS, to avoid loss and destruction of important documents, government records and files should have a back up of electronic copies and should have a central repository for the same.

WHEREAS, it is urged that the national government and all its agencies and instrumentalities undertake a study for the backing up and storing of electronic copies of government records and files.

WHEREAS, as regards the judiciary, with due deference and high regard to the separation of powers and the Supreme Court's authority in promulgating its own rules, it is suggested that a similar study be undertaken for the storing and backing up of electronic copies of court and case records of all courts nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that, with due respect and regard to the separation of powers of the government, and for the integrity and security of government records and files, it is urged that a study be undertaken by the national government for the backing up and storing/archiving of the same to avoid loss and destruction in times of natural calamities and catastrophes.

Adopted,


GRACE POE