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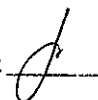


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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF  
THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

*WHEREAS*, August 9 of each year marks the International Day of World's Indigenous People that celebrates the achievements and contributions of indigenous people to significant global issues, and promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population;

*WHEREAS*, the International Day of World's Indigenous People was first pronounced by the General Assembly of the United Nations by virtue of Resolution 49/214, marking the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;

*WHEREAS*, the United Nations estimates that there are over 370 million indigenous people living in over 70 countries worldwide, which would equate to a little over 5% of the total world population belonging to at least 5,000 distinct groups;

*WHEREAS*, the Senate of the Philippines honors the indigenous people of the Philippines and of the world, and all those who fought that indigenous people are assured equal treatment and afforded basic human rights;

*WHEREAS*, the Senate of the Philippines asserts its commitment to resolve difficulties faced by indigenous people in areas such as human rights, the environment, development, education and health, and ensure the interests and welfare of indigenous people are upheld;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines express its full support and active participation in the observance of the International Day of World's Indigenous People.

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID