

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 79

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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TO CONVENE THE JOINT JUDICIARY, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY  
AND CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (JJELACC) TO STRENGTHEN THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AS A MEANS TO END CRIMINALITY AND  
DISREGARD FOR THE RULE OF LAW**

1       **WHEREAS**, on 13 May 2008, a Memorandum of Agreement was entered into  
2 among the three (3) co-equal branches of the government creating the Judiciary,  
3 Executive, Legislative Advisory and Consultative Council or the JJELACC;

4       **WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement was signed by President Gloria  
5 Macapagal Arroyo representing the Executive branch, Senate President Manuel Villar  
6 and House Speaker Prospero Nograles representing the Legislative branch, and the  
7 Supreme Court Justice Reynato Puno representing the Judiciary Department;

8       **WHEREAS**, the aim of the JJELACC is to strengthen consultation and coordination  
9 among the three (3) branches of Government to uphold the rule of law, with addressing  
10 the issue of extrajudicial killings as among its priorities;

11       **WHEREAS**, after the JJELAC was convened, an additional budget of Php 2.4 billion  
12 was granted to the Judiciary or an increase from its Php 10.3 billion budget in 2008 to  
13 Php 12.7 billion budget in 2009.

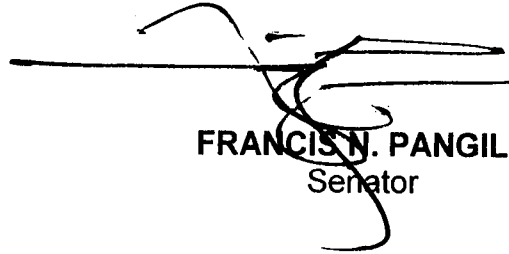
14       **WHEREAS**, police reports show that 402 drug suspects were killed from 01 July  
15 2016 to 02 August 2016 or 13 deaths every day, a number of which were vigilante  
16 killings;

17       **WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte has decried the extra-judicial killing of drug  
18 suspects. In his speech at the oath-taking of officers of League of Cities and Provinces  
19 on 27 July 2016, he aptly reminded us all that, "[w]e cannot build a nation over the dead  
20 bodies of our own citizens."

21       **WHEREAS**, it is extremely urgent to convene the JJELACC as a strategic response  
22 to strengthening the administration of justice and speeding up the disposition of cases  
23 as a means to address criminality and disregard for the rule of law.

1        **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
2 urge His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte, in response to his denouncement of  
3 extra-judicial killings, to immediately convene the Joint Judiciary, Executive, Legislative  
4 Advisory and Consultative Council (JJELACC) for the purpose of identifying issues  
5 pertaining to the primacy of the rule of law, providing greater budgetary support for the  
6 judiciary and the system of justice, and undertaking solutions to strengthen due process  
7 and our institutions of justice.

*Adopted,*

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**FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN**  
Senator