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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF EXISTENCE OF THE NEGROS ISLAND REGION

WHEREAS, the administrative regions were established to promote efficiency in the Government, accelerate social and economic development and improve public services;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 183 issued on 29 May 2015 created the Negros Island Region and carved Negros Occidental from Western Visayas (Region VI), and Negros Oriental from Central Visayas (Region VII);

WHEREAS, the said Executive Order created a region for the two (2) adjacent provinces to further accelerate the social and economic development of the cities and municipalities for the improvement of the delivery of public services in the aforementioned provinces;

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental are both first class provinces, their capitals, however, have different income classifications that resulted to the disparity in funding that each provinces get compared to the other provinces in its previous regions;

WHEREAS, in administrative regions, provinces can pool their resources together and will have control of the income for the benefit of the local residents that will result in inclusive economic development, job creation and more efficient delivery of services;

WHEREAS, with the creation of the Negros Island Region, the national government agencies can focus more on alleviating the high level of poverty in the two Negros provinces and stimulating public investments needed for progress;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS HEREBY RESOLVED, to call for the continued recognition of the existence of the Negros Island Region.

Adopted,

JUAN-MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI