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Introduced by Senator M.A. Madrigal

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN, AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RAMPANT PROLIFERATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, PEDOPHILE MATERIALS, AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, THEREBY INCREASING THE INCIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE THROUGH THE PRODUCTION, COMMERCIALIZATION AND ILLEGAL TRADE THEREOF, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF COMING UP WITH REMEDIAL AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;"

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 3, paragraph 2 further provides that, "the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;"

**WHEREAS**, the obligation of the State to provide welfare and protection to the rights of our children is bolstered by our commitment to adhere to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child under Article 34 which among others state that the "State Parties undertake to protect the child from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and that in particular will take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent from: (a) the inducement or coercion of a child to engage in any unlawful sexual activity; (b) the exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices; and (c) the exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials;"

**WHEREAS**, reports made by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Philippine Center for Missing and Exploited Children (PCMEC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes (ECPAT) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) that there is a steady growth of production and distribution of child pornography depicting Filipino children as objects of sexual fantasies which are posted, traded by individuals and syndicates in websites and by correspondence;

**WHEREAS**, the same aforesaid reports have been verified and confirmed by competent international monitoring agencies such as the United States based International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), UNICEF, ECPAT, United States Cyber Smuggling Center Department of Homeland Security;


**WHEREAS**, with the increased access to computer technology via the internet, child pornography has generated a new avenue for the exploitation of children, thus, an alarming increase on the same over the last five years;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has been identified as a haven for pedophiles due to lack, if not, poor laws that would monitor the movement of persons with psychological and sexual disorder preying on children, and the absence of laws that protect children from such exploitation and abuse;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has been also identified as major source of Asian child pornography materials and is continuously featured in major pornographic sites as a major destination for sex tourism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the rampant proliferation of child pornography, pedophile materials, and sexual exploitation of minors, thereby increasing the incidence of child abuse through the production, commercialization and illegal trade thereof with the end in view of formulating remedial measures or strengthening existing laws to address the same.

Adopted,

  
**M.A. MADRIGAL**  
Senator