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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND IN THE EXERCISE OF THE SENATE'S OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS, TO URGENTLY CALL UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES TO FORMULATE A SUSTAINABLE TAAL VOLCANO RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

1           **WHEREAS**, Section 5, I(e) of Republic Act No. 11201, or otherwise known as  
2 the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Act, provides that  
3 the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development shall "formulate a  
4 framework for resilient housing and human settlements as a basis for the  
5 mechanisms for post-disaster housing and resiliency planning, research and  
6 development, extension, monitoring and evaluation of programs, projects and  
7 activities to protect vulnerable communities from the adverse effects of climate  
8 change and disasters;"

9           **WHEREAS**, the Section 10.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of  
10 Republic Act No. 11201 provides that the Department shall "manage and oversee  
11 emergency post-disaster/post-conflict shelter recovery or climate change adaptation  
12 and mitigation disaster risk reduction provision and interventions;"

13           **WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2020, the Taal Volcano began erupting and has  
14 been on Alert Level 4 since its eruption, until it was lowered by DOST-PHIVOLCS to  
15 Alert Level 3 on January 26, 2020, which means that sudden steam-driven and weak  
16 phreatomagmatic explosions, volcanic earthquakes, ashfall, and lethal gas expulsions  
17 can still occur and threaten areas within Taal Volcano Island and nearby lakeshores;

18           **WHEREAS**, the economy of the municipalities of Talisay, Malvar, Tanauan,  
19 Laurel, Agoncillo, Santa Teresita, Cuenca, Alitagtag, Mataas na Kahoy, Lipa City,  
20 Balete and San Nicolas, Province of Batangas and Tagaytay City has been affected,

1 with an estimated P6.66 billion revenues lost, with agriculture and fisheries still  
2 contributing to much of the losses at P3.17 billion;

3 **WHEREAS**, according to the 2015 Census Population, 907,664 residents are  
4 within the affected areas;

5 **WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that around 4,000 individuals are  
6 permanently residing on the Taal Volcano Island;

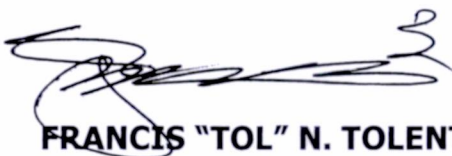
7 **WHEREAS**, according to the Batangas Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction  
8 Management Council, about a million individuals were displaced by the Taal Volcano  
9 eruption, of which around 200,000 have been seeking refuge in evacuation centers  
10 in Batangas and Cavite, among others;

11 **WHEREAS**, PHIVOLCS Alert Level 4 on Taal Volcano still remains to be in  
12 effect which means that hazardous explosive eruption is still possible, hence no final  
13 damage assessment can be done;

14 **WHEREAS**, the national government should now prepare, craft and  
15 formulate post-disaster resettlement and livelihood programs, in coordination with  
16 the private sector, to assist the affected residents;

17 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, directing the  
18 Senate Committee on Urban Planning, Housing And Resettlement, in aid of  
19 legislation and in the exercise of the Senate's oversight functions, to urgently call  
20 upon the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and other  
21 relevant agencies to formulate a sustainable Taal Volcano Resettlement And  
22 Rehabilitation Program.

Adopted,



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