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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVENTION OF
CHRONIC DISEASES AMONG FILIPINOS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15, states that: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them",

WHEREAS, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) report entitled "Preventing Chronic Diseases: A Vital Investment," around 36 million people, mostly young and middle-aged, are expected to die from chronic diseases by 2015 worldwide;

WHEREAS, based on the report, chronic diseases are by far the leading cause of death in the world; approximately 17 million people die prematurely each year as a result of the global epidemic of chronic diseases;

WHEREAS, chronic diseases include cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes, mental disorders, bone and joint disorders, and genetic problems;

WHEREAS, these diseases are caused mainly by an unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and smoking;

WHEREAS, the number of deaths due to chronic diseases is double that of all infectious diseases, including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), tuberculosis and malaria;

WHEREAS, according to Dr Shigeru Omi, a WHO representative for the Western Pacific, chronic diseases are highly preventable;

WHEREAS, preventing the incidence of chronic ailments entails cooperation from all sectors in society including the government, private enterprises, civil society, and communities;

WHEREAS, it is the primary duty of the government to initiate precautionary measures to prevent the increasing incidence of chronic ailments,

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the prevention of chronic diseases among Filipinos

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO