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RESOLUTION NO. 67

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly sixty-six (66) years ago on December 10, 1948, where the Philippines was among the 48 Member States voting in favor of the Declaration, represents the first comprehensive agreement among nations as to the specific rights and freedoms of all human beings;

WHEREAS, although the Declaration, with its broad range of political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights, is not

a binding document, it has since served as the foundation upon which all other human rights work at the international level has stood, and has remained to this day an enduring guide for human rights advocates around the globe;

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed December 10 as Human Rights Day in 1950, to bring to the attention "of the peoples of the world" the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations;

WHEREAS, this year's commemoration has its slogan, "Human Rights 365", encompassing the idea that every day is "Human Rights Day" and celebrating the fundamental proposition in the Universal Declaration that each one of us, everywhere, at all times is entitled to the full range of human rights, that human rights belong equally to each of us and bind us together as a global community with the same ideals and values;

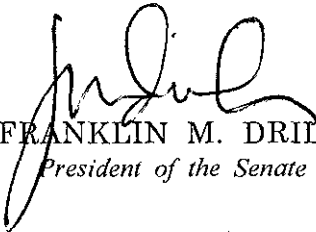
WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the Constitution expressly provides that the "State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights" by upholding the basic principles of liberty and freedom as further enshrined in the Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS, human rights awareness is essential to the realization of fundamental freedoms and contributes to promoting equality, preventing conflict and human rights violations, and enhancing participation in democratic processes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines (1) recognizes the 66th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of the International Human Rights Day; (2) supports the ideals of human rights and reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) encourages all nations to continue working towards freedom, peace, and security, which can be achieved only through democracy, respect for human rights, and the rule of law; and, (4) encourages the people of the


Republic of the Philippines to observe "Human Rights Day" and continue their commitment to upholding freedom, democracy, and human rights across the globe.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 10, 2014.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

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