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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C.**  
**AQUINO III, TO DECLARE A STATE OF NATIONAL CALAMITY**  
**DUE TO THE IMMENSE EXTENT OF DESTRUCTION BY**  
**SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA**

WHEREAS, State of Calamity is a condition involving mass casualty and/or major damages to property, disruption of means of livelihoods, roads and normal way of life of people in the affected areas as a result of the occurrence of natural or human-induced hazard.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, the supertyphoon Yolanda, which is considered as one of the strongest typhoons in world's history, have brought immense destruction and devastation to the provinces of Regions IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI and Caraga.

WHEREAS, the supertyphoon Yolanda caused death, serious injuries, destruction of houses, roads, power lines, telecommunication lines and other infrastructures and loss of jobs and livelihoods.

WHEREAS, due to the effects of the supertyphoon to the whole Filipino nation, there is a need for the government to declare a State of National Calamity.

WHEREAS, Declaration of State of National Calamity will expedite the relief, rescue and rehabilitation efforts for the victims and survivors of the supertyphoon Yolanda by the government and private sector including international humanitarian assistance.

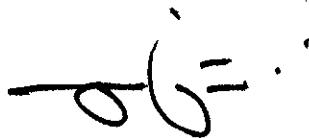
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<sup>1</sup> Section 3, *Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, R.A. 10121*

WHEREAS, in addition to a speedy relief and rescue operation, Declaration of State of National Calamity will put a price freeze for basic necessities and will prevent the profiteering and hoarding of prime commodities, medicines and petroleum products needed by the victims of one of the most destructive natural calamity that hit the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate, urging the President to declare a State of National Calamity for the immediate and effective relief and rescue operation for the victims and survivors of supertyphoon Yolanda and for the speedy rehabilitation of the affected province.

ADOPTED,

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**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**