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**JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED/UNRELEASED ALLOTMENTS FOR CALAMITY RELATED PROJECTS COVERING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Section 63 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10352, otherwise known as An Act Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Thirteen, and for other Purposes, provides:

“Sec. 63. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purposes specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until the end of FY 2013: PROVIDED, That a report of these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Finance and House Committee on Appropriations, either in printed form or by way of an electronic document.”

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that hit the Province of Bohol and parts of Cebu last October caused severe damage to a number of buildings, roads, bridges and other vital infrastructure which necessitates massive reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts on the part of the government;

**WHEREAS**, while the country is still mending the damage caused by the earthquake and typhoons Odette, Santi and Vinta, super typhoon Yolanda hit parts of the country with unparalleled devastating force that nearly flattened the whole province of Leyte and other areas of the Visayas;

**WHEREAS**, the successive calamities which caused considerable loss of lives and property also disrupted the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts of the national government and local government units;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for the government to implement aggressive and continuous relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected areas to enable our people and communities to recover from the damage caused by the said calamities;

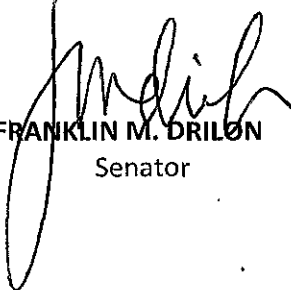
**WHEREAS**, given the massive effects of these calamities, the government may not be able to obligate funds necessary to fully implement the above measures before the end of this fiscal year: *Now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, To extend the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Funds under the budgets of the implementing agencies, including those sourced from savings realigned in the current year, as well as unobligated/unreleased allotments for calamity-related projects covering maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlays under Republic Act No. 10352, or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act, until December 31, 2014, amending for the purpose Section 63 of the General Provisions of the said Act.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That, for this purpose, the implementing agencies shall first secure the favorable endorsement by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the calamity related projects that will be covered by the extended validity of allotments authorized therein.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, That the Department of Budget and Management shall issue such guidelines as may be necessary to properly implement this *Joint Resolution*.

*Adopted,*

  
**FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
Senator