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Metro Manila  
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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand thirteen.

[ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 01 ]

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED 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 THEREIN

WHEREAS, Section 63 of the General Provisions in Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act (GAA) 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 on 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 electronic document."

WHEREAS, the country has been affected by several natural and man-made disasters and calamities including, but not limited to, the devastating typhoons "Labuyo", "Odette", "Pablo", "Sendong", "Santi" and "Vinta", the siege and unrest in Zamboanga City, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake in Bohol and Cebu, and the recent onslaught of Super Typhoon "Yolanda" which severely hit the Visayas and Central Philippines, including Southern Tagalog;

WHEREAS, the onslaught of said calamities affected individuals and communities and drastically shook the nation's core and disrupted government functions, especially those in the areas of relief and rescue operations;

WHEREAS, given the overwhelming effects of these calamities to the country, the national government may not be able to obligate funds necessary to fully implement the programs and projects specified in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act before the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) for FY 2013 are, among others, urgently needed for the implementation of priority programs and projects in calamity-stricken areas such as the maintenance, reconstruction, repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, and other buildings and essential facilities as well as other expenditures required for the operations of the national government;

WHEREAS, the massive mobilization of private individuals, organizations, corporations and local government units during the recent relief operations exemplified the need for the entire country to assist and contribute to the rehabilitation process;

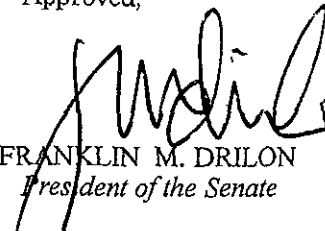
WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 63 of the General Provisions of R.A. No. 10352 should be amended such that the validity of the appropriations for MOOE and CO in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act is extended for another fiscal year or until December 31, 2014: Now, therefore, be it

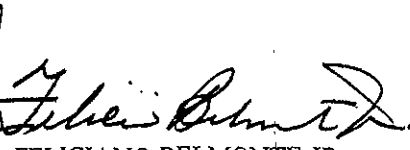
*Resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate, voting separately,* To extend the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund and the Quick Response Fund, including those sourced from savings realigned in the current year, as well as all unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations 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 therein;

*Resolved, further,* That the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the implementing department/agency shall submit, either in printed form or by way of electronic document, to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Commission on Audit the quarterly accountability reports on the utilization of funds. The Secretary of the DBM and the web administrator or his/her equivalent shall be responsible for ensuring that the said quarterly reports are likewise posted on the official website of the DBM and the implementing department/agency:

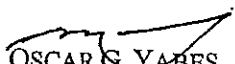
*Resolved, finally,* That any releases from lump-sum appropriations shall be subject to the submission of a Special Budget pursuant to Section 35, Chapter 5, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292.

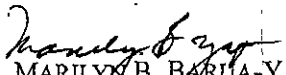
Approved,

  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*


  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Joint Resolution was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 9, 2013.

  
OSCAR S. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

  
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP  
*Secretary General, House of Representatives*

Approved: DEC 26 2013

  
BENIGNO S. AQUINO III  
*President of the Philippines*



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