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1 **A RESOLUTION**
2 **DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF**
3 **LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA**
4 **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 03 (s. 2015)**

5 **WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is an
6 agency established by Republic Act No. 7924 which exercises regulatory and
7 supervisory authority over the delivery of metro-wide services within Metro Manila
8 subject to direct supervision of the President of the Philippines;

9 **WHEREAS**, under RA 7924, one of MMDA's main function is the transport and
10 traffic management of Metro Manila which includes the formulation, coordination and
11 monitoring of policies, standards, programs and projects to rationalize the existing
12 transport operations, infrastructure requirements, the use of thoroughfares, and
13 promotions of safe and convenient movement of persons and goods;

14 **WHEREAS**, aside from traffic management, the MMDA also has the mandate to
15 formulate and implement policies, rules and regulations, standards, programs and
16 projects for the promotion and safeguarding of the health and sanitation of the region
17 under its charter;

18 **WHEREAS**, MMDA issued Memorandum Circular No. 03, series of 2015 (MC
19 03-2015) on 31 March 2015 which regulates the use of Roxas Boulevard by way of
20 issuance of Roadway Private Utilization Permit;

21 **WHEREAS**, MC 03-2015 seeks to regulate the use of Roxas Boulevard and
22 other major thoroughfares during filming, motorcades, fun runs and other special events
23 in Metro Manila through this circular;

24 **WHEREAS**, MC 03-2015 provides that the Roadway Private Utilization Permit
25 will be issued only to events that are limited to "historical, cultural, United Nations
26 advocacies, environment, climate change issues and general societal persuasions that
27 will uplift humanity";

28 **WHEREAS**, for the past decades, Roxas Boulevard has been the venue for runs
29 and races, including national events and international events and with participants from
30 around the country and around the world;

31 **WHEREAS**, these types of events are usually held at dawn on weekends when
32 traffic is extremely light;

1 **WHEREAS**, there is a pressing concern on the effect/s of the issuance of MC 03-
2 2015 on these fun runs and races which cater to all citizens from grade school age to
3 senior citizens, fitness advocates, and professional runners, all of whom have the
4 common goal of promoting a public good -- a healthy citizenry;

5 **WHEREAS**, the circular fails to clearly and objectively define the purpose for its
6 issuance thus subjecting the issuance of permits to the whims of the granting authority;

7 **WHEREAS**, whilst there may be a need to rationalize the number of run, cycling
8 and sports related events that use Roxas Boulevard as a venue, any regulations
9 regarding such matters should have clear and specific guidelines so that
10 implementation will not be arbitrary;

11 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to immediately suspend the implementation of the
12 circular and to conduct public consultations with all affected stakeholders to ensure that
13 this new policy of MMDA will not unduly restrict events that promote health and wellness
14 and negate the gains of the running community through the years;

15 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that
16 the Senate of the Philippines directs the appropriate committee/s to conduct an inquiry,
17 in aid of legislation, into the implementation of the Metropolitan Manila Development
18 Authority Memorandum Circular no. 03 (s. 2015).

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator