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RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TO SWIFTLY COME UP WITH SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED AREAS AND PERSONS AFTER THE ONSLAUGHT OF TYPHOON "LANDO" AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is enshrined in the 1987 Constitution that "the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people"¹ and "the promotion of the general welfare is essential for the enjoyment by all the people"²;

WHEREAS, the Government cannot afford to be idle and provide mere lip service to our countrymen, more particularly during calamities;

WHEREAS, just recently, Typhoon "Lando" furiously battered the country, especially Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR);

WHEREAS, the latest report of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) showed that Typhoon "Lando" resulted to losses of an estimated P6.4 billion worth of crops and P902,390,431 worth of infrastructure in the above-mentioned regions, totaling to P7,332,932,212.50;³

WHEREAS, as per NDRRMC's report, Typhoon "Lando" left 41 deaths, 78 injured and 5 missing persons;⁴

WHEREAS, NDRRMC further reported that Typhoon "Lando" affected 268,877 families or 1,242,239 persons;⁵

WHEREAS, for a clearer picture of the aftermath of Typhoon "Lando", here are some incidents recorded by the NDRRMC:

- 765 flooding incidents in Pangasinan, Isabela, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, Cagayan and Benguet;
- 6 drowning incidents in Regions II, III, IV-A and CAR;
- 4 landslides in regions I and CAR;

¹ Section 4, Article II of the 1987 Constitution.

² Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution.

³ Patricia Lourdes Viray's "'Lando' damages P7.3 billion worth of crops, infra", updated 22 October 2015 - <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2015/10/22/1513579/lando-damages-p7.3-billion-worth-crops-infra>

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

- 2 collapsed walls in Zambales;
- 2 electrocution incidents in region II and III;
- Power interruptions or outages in 5 cities and 86 municipalities;
- Province-wide power outages in Ilocos Sur, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Aurora, Quezon, Kalinga and Mt. Province; and
- 101 road sections and 11 bridges remain impassable due to flooding and landslides;⁶

WHEREAS, the Government must provide for immediate and substantial assistance to the affected areas in terms of appropriations and releases of funds, relief goods, makeshift shelters, evacuation centers, re-construction and repair, etc. to show that Government institutions function swiftly and are truly responsive to the needs of our countrymen;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to urge the Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Budget and Management, and other appropriate Government agencies, to swiftly come up with short- and long-term plans for the necessary assistance to affected areas and persons after the onslaught of Typhoon "Lando" and immediately implement a comprehensive rehabilitation program.

ADOPTED


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⁶ *Ibid.*