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Introduced by **Senator Loren Legarda**

JOINT RESOLUTION
EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO
DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018

1 **WHEREAS**, the General Appropriations Act for fiscal years 2014 to 2017,
2 consistently provides that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating
3 Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) were available for release and obligation
4 for a period extending to one (1) fiscal year after the fiscal year in which said items were
5 appropriated;

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7 **WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10964, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of
8 FY 2018, the validity of MOOE and CO has been limited to one year as provided by
9 Section 61 of the General Provisions of the said GAA, which reads:

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11 “SEC. 61. *Availability of Appropriations.* All appropriations authorized in
12 this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose
13 specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto,
14 until December 31, 2018.

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16 A report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate of
18 the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate
19 Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic
20 document.”

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22 **WHEREAS**, the country has been affected by several devastating calamities
23 such as typhoons Yutu (Rosita) and Mangkhut (Ompong), flash floods and flooding
24 incidents as effect of southwest monsoon that severely hit Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B,
25 CAR, NCR, X, XII, and ARMM. The onslaught of the said calamities destroyed vital
26 infrastructures and affected the delivery of basic services to the affected communities.

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28 **WHEREAS**, there are appropriations that have not been released and allotment
29 issued that have not been obligated which shall automatically result in the reversion of
30 the said unexpended appropriations to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund
31 of the much needed MOOE and CO to fund priority projects, aid and relief activities as
32 well as for the maintenance, construction/repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals,
33 roads, bridges and other essential facilities of the national government;

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