



SENATE
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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

1 WHEREAS, Human Rights Day is observed by the international community
2 every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations
3 General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹;

4 WHEREAS, this year, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the
5 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the
6 inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being --
7 regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national
8 or social origin, property, birth or other status²;

9 WHEREAS, the Philippines was among the 48 Member States who voted in
10 favor of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948;

11 WHEREAS, drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural
12 backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets out universal values
13 and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes
14 the equal dignity and worth of every person³;

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¹ United Nations Office of the High Commissioner Website, Human Rights Day, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/aboutus/pages/humanrightsdays.aspx>
² United Nations Website, Human Rights Day, <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsdays/>
³ Ibid.

16 WHEREAS, the principles enshrined in the Declaration are as relevant today
17 as they were in 1948. We need to stand up for our own rights and those of others.
18 We can take action in our own daily lives, to uphold the rights that protect us all and
19 thereby promote the kinship of all human beings⁴;

20 WHEREAS, as the country commemorates the adoption of the Universal
21 Declaration of Human Rights, this Chamber reaffirms its commitment to work hand
22 in hand with the government and society in the campaign to uphold Human Rights;

23 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the
24 Philippines recognizes the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human
25 Rights and the celebration of the International Human Rights Day.

Adopted,


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Senator

⁴ Supra [Citation 2]