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SENATE P.S. Resolution No. 182

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## Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

## RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE BANGON MARAWI COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PLAN, ITS ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION, AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE CORRESPONDING FUND THEREFOR

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, the State shall maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty, and property, and promote the general welfare of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 18 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, in case of invasion or rebellion and when public safety requires it, the President may, for a period not exceeding sixty days, place the Philippines or any part thereof under martial law;

WHEREAS, on 23 May 2017, Philippine government forces clashed with armed fighters from two ISIL-affiliated groups — Abu Sayyaf and the Maute in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur. The siege was triggered when the military tried to arrest top ISIL leader Isnilon Hapilon. The arrest prompted attackers to fight back, declaring the city a new caliphate of ISIL, or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant group, otherwise known as ISIS;

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of the attacks, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 216 declaring martial law in Mindanao;

**WHEREAS**, after a five-month battle, on 17 October 2017, Pres. Duterte declared the liberalization of Marawi City after news broke that government troops have killed the terrorist leaders;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 3 was issued that established the "Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM)". One of the mandates of the Task Force is to conduct a post-conflict needs assessment for the formulation of the "Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan";

**WHEREAS**, the siege resulted to a huge number of casualties and injuries, massive displacement of individuals and families, and major destruction of infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the conflict is expected to significantly affect the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao's (ARMM's) economic growth. The displacement of farmers and loss of crops and the destruction of schools, hospitals, and markets will hold back the region's economic prospects. The total damages and losses of USD 348 million (P18.6 billion) is equivalent to about 16.7% of ARMM's 2016 GRDP and 0.12% of the country's 2016 gross domestic product (GDP);

**WHEREAS**, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the report from TFBM chairman Eduardo del Rosario estimated the cost of reconstruction and rehabilitation in Marawi could reach more or less P67.99 billion;

**WHEREAS**, as of February 2019, the Department of Finance said that it has accumulated P41.81 billion for the Plan, although such was still short of the P67.99-billion budget the government expects to spend for the five-year implementation of the Plan;

**WHEREAS**, funding from both local and foreign sources have enabled the administration to fast track the extensive planning and preparations required for the reconstruction and rehabilitation program. To date, the United States government has

pledged a total of USD 63.6 million (P3.4 billion) to Marawi recovery efforts through its US Agency for International Development (USAID);

**WHEREAS**, despite two years since the siege and funding from local and foreign sources for the City's recovery and rehabilitation, some 50,000 people remain displaced and infrastructure, especially housing, remain unrealized;

WHEREAS, Marawi siege was the trigger event for the declaration of Martial Law in the entire island of Mindanao and while there have been widespread calls for the lifting of Martial Law from various sectors, including Mayor Sara Duterte and the Davao business community, to date, no significant rebuilding and restoration has been commenced in Marawi City, its outskirts, or for its citizenry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** directing the appropriate Senate Committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan, its actual implementation, and the utilization of the corresponding fund therefor.

Adopted,

IMEE R. MARCOS