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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE AUDIT AND REVIEW OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES THEREBY ENSURING COMPLIANCE TO THE STANDARDS SET BY THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE ON STRUCTURAL SAFETY AND INTEGRITY SO AS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AGAINST AVOIDABLE DAMAGES TO PROPERTY AND LOSS OF LIVES

1 WHEREAS, the National Building Code is the government's policy which sets
2 the technical standards in constructing and renovating buildings and structures in the
3 Philippines;

4 WHEREAS, the Code's principal policy, as stated in Section 1.01.02, is "to
5 safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare, consistent with the principles of
6 environmental management and control; and to this end, make it the purpose of this
7 Code to provide for all buildings and structures, a framework of minimum standards
8 and requirements by guiding, regulating, and controlling their location, siting, design,
9 quality of materials, construction, use, occupancy, and maintenance, including their
10 environment, utilities, fixtures, equipment, and mechanical electrical, and other
11 systems and installations";

12 WHEREAS, a series of earthquakes have recently struck several areas of
13 Mindanao;

14 WHEREAS, the first recorded quake was on October 16, 2019 with a Magnitude
15 of 6.3 with epicenter in Tulunan, North Cotabato. The second strong earthquake
16 recorded on October 29 was Magnitude 6.6 with and almost the same epicenter
17 located 25 kilometers southeast of the Municipality of Tulunan. On October 31,

1 another strong earthquake was recorded with Magnitude of 6.3 with the same
2 epicentre location in Tulunan. North Cotabato;

3 WHEREAS, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology
4 (PHIVOLCS) reports that these earthquakes are part of a sequence of events from
5 interrelated faults in the region;

6 WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
7 (NDRRMC) reports that as of November 4, 2019, 6:00 AM, there is a total of 22 dead,
8 424 injured, and 2 missing persons were reported in Regions X, XI, XII, and BARMM
9 because of the series of earthquakes;

10 WHEREAS, the same update from the NDRRMC reports that a total of 29,453
11 infrastructures were reported damaged due to the incident;

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways and all local
13 government units are mandated to strictly implement the National Building Code:

14 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the
15 Department of Public Works and Highways and all local government units to conduct
16 an immediate audit and review of existing buildings and structures thereby ensuring
17 compliance to the standards set by the National Building Code on structural safety and
18 integrity so as to protect the people against avoidable damages to property and loss
19 of lives;

20 FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to review
21 the National Building Code for possible amendments to conform with present
22 circumstances.

Adopted.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.