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P.S.RES. No. 195

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RESOLUTION

**CALLING FOR STRICTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10611, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FOOD SAFETY ACT
OF 2013, TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN HEALTH IS PROTECTED AND MARKET
ACCESS OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FOODS AND FOOD PRODUCTS IS
FACILITATED**

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10611, otherwise known as the Food Safety Act
2 of 2013 was enacted in 23 August 2013 to promote the right of the people to health
3 and keep its populace from threat of trade malpractices and substandard and
4 hazardous products;

5 WHEREAS, the Food Safety Act primarily aims to strengthen the food safety
6 regulatory system in the country by protecting the public from food-borne and water-
7 borne illnesses and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded, or adulterated foods;

8 WHEREAS, African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious viral disease that
9 affects pigs, warthogs, and boars. It causes pigs to have high fever and lose their
10 appetite. It also causes hemorrhages in the skin and internal organs;

11 WHEREAS, in early September of 2019, the Department of Agriculture
12 confirmed that ASF is present in several areas in the country and has caused hog
13 deaths;

14 WHEREAS, the disease threatens the P260-billion swine industry in the
15 Philippines and this industry provides livelihood for millions of Filipino families, as small
16 backyard raisers comprise roughly two-thirds or 65% of the industry;

17 WHEREAS, adequate safety nets and protocol are in place by virtue of RA
18 10611 to effectively prevent the proliferation of infected meat and meat products;

1 WHEREAS, it is imperative that implementation of standards set by RA 10611
2 is ensured so that infection will be prevented and possible propagation of the disease
3 be halted at once;

4 WHEREAS, the local swine industry is at risk of perish if inappropriate response
5 to the crisis is not ended: Now, Therefore be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved to call for stricter
7 implantation of the provisions of Republic Act No 10611, otherwise known as the Food
8 Safety Act of 2013, to ensure that human health is protected and market access of
9 locally-produced foods and food products is facilitated.

Adopted.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.