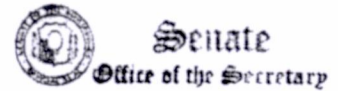


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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE AID, RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION, LIVELIHOOD, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION, AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO IMMEDIATELY CALL THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC) FOR A SENATE BRIEFING TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE THE NEEDS OF THE AFFECTED LOCALITIES AND THE TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CALAMITY**

1           WHEREAS, on January 12, 2020, the Taal Volcano began erupting and has  
2 continued to be on Alert Level 4 to date;

3           WHEREAS, the recent update from the NDRRMC reported that the said eruption  
4 has already affected 50,599 families or 203,763 individuals;

5           WHEREAS, at least half of the affected families or individuals are now residing  
6 in temporary shelters and evacuation centers in the provinces of Batangas, Cavite,  
7 Laguna and Quezon;

8           WHEREAS, full and partial lockdowns were also implemented and have  
9 physically displaced roughly half a million individuals in the 11 municipalities and 2  
10 cities of Batangas;

11           WHEREAS, damages to both public and private properties and infrastructure,  
12 as well as the livelihood and the local tourism and agriculture sectors, among others,  
13 have already reached billions of pesos;

1           WHEREAS, the said damages may still increase as PHIVOLCS alert on an  
2 imminent hazardous eruption has remained and no final damage assessment has been  
3 done to date;

4           WHEREAS, even as the threats and uncertainties of the Taal volcanic eruption  
5 continue, the national government should hasten the release of funds intended for  
6 development and social programs and services to assist the affected individuals or  
7 families and the localities in returning to normalcy;

8           WHEREAS, these funds appropriated under the FY 2020 General Appropriations  
9 Act include the Calamity Fund or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and  
10 Management Fund and the appropriations for development and social programs and  
11 services of various national government such as the Department of Social Welfare and  
12 Development, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of  
13 Tourism, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry,  
14 among others: Now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the immediate  
16 release of funds for the aid, relief, resettlement, rehabilitation, livelihood, development  
17 and social programs and services to communities adversely affected by the Taal  
18 volcano eruption, and directing the appropriate Senate Committee to immediately call  
19 the NDRRMC for a Senate briefing to assess the situation and determine the needs of  
20 the affected localities and the total budget requirements in addressing the calamity.

21           Adopted,



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