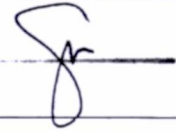


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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF NOVEL**  
**CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (2019-nCoV ARD)**  
**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY ON THE PHILIPPINE TOURISM**  
**SECTOR, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING A TOURISM**  
**MITIGATION AND RESPONSE PLAN ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF**  
**HEALTH EMERGENCIES, CALAMITIES AND CATASTROPHES**

1 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO)  
2 declared the novel coronavirus acute respiratory disease (2019-nCoV ARD) health  
3 event as a public health emergency of international concern<sup>1</sup>;

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5 WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, upon the recommendation of the  
6 Department of Health (DOH), has issued a temporary travel ban covering all  
7 travellers coming from Hubei Province of China. The DOH will also be recommending  
8 the expansion of the travel ban coverage to more Chinese provinces as new  
9 information on the increasing number of cases per region arises<sup>2</sup>;

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11 WHEREAS, the country's tourism sector is regarded as likely to be affected by  
12 the 2019-nCoV ARD international health emergency<sup>3</sup>;

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14 WHEREAS, according to Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto M.  
15 Pernia, there would likely be a "short-term effect" on tourism even as there were  
16 already "a lot of measures being done to minimize" infections among Filipinos<sup>4</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> Department of Health Website, WHO DECLARES 2019-NCOV ARD 'PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN'; PHIL GOV'T ISSUES TRAVEL BAN, <https://www.doh.gov.ph/doh-press-release/who-declares-2019-nCoV-ARD-public-health-emergency-of-international-concern>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> BusinessMirror News Website, '19 nCoV travel ban could spell P27-B loss for tourism sectors, <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2020/02/03/19-ncov-travel-ban-could-spell-p27-b-loss-for-tourism-sectors/>

<sup>4</sup> Inquirer News Website, Duterte economic team sees 'short-term' nCoV impact on PH tourism, Duterte economic team sees 'short-term' nCoV impact on PH tourism <https://business.inquirer.net/289362/duterte-economic-team-sees-short-term-ncov-impact-on-ph-tourism#ixzz6D34kPQDD>

17 WHEREAS, in 2018, the contribution of tourism industries to the Philippine  
18 economy was estimated at 12.7%<sup>5</sup>;

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20 WHEREAS, in a statement released by the United Nations World Tourism  
21 Organization (UNWTO), they said that during times of crisis, tourism has to live up  
22 to its responsibility as an integral part of wider society. The sector must put people  
23 and their wellbeing first<sup>6</sup>;

24  
25 WHEREAS, the UNWTO also stated that tourism is vulnerable to the effects of  
26 public health emergencies and is already being affected by this outbreak. However,  
27 it is too early to fully estimate the impacts this outbreak will have<sup>7</sup>;

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29 WHEREAS, it is high time that the Philippines have a long-term and short-  
30 term tourism mitigation and response plan addressing the effects of health  
31 emergencies, calamities, and catastrophes, such as the 2019-nCoV ARD international  
32 public health emergency;

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34 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate  
35 Senate Committees, to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the effects of the  
36 novel coronavirus acute respiratory disease (2019-nCoV ARD) international health  
37 emergency on the Philippine tourism sector of the country, with the end in view of  
38 recommending a tourism mitigation and response plan addressing the effects of  
39 health emergencies, calamities, and catastrophes.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

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<sup>5</sup> Philippine Statistics Authority Website, Contribution of Tourism to the Philippine Economy is 12.7 percent in 2018, <https://psa.gov.ph/tourism/satellite-accounts/id/138760>

<sup>6</sup> United Nations World Tourism Organization Website, UNWTO STATEMENT ON THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK, <https://unwto.org/unwto-statement-on-the-novel-coronavirus-outbreak>

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.