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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALARMING INCREASE OF DENGUE CASES IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING POLICY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE AND THE UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIVES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution mandates that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

WHEREAS, from January to July this year, data from the Department of Health (DOH) revealed that 10,977 dengue cases were reported, with the death toll climbing to 143;

WHEREAS, Region 10 or Northern Mindanao had the highest number of cases with 2,136 and 48 deaths, followed by Region 9, the Zamboanga Peninsula, with 1,326 cases and five deaths, Region 7 or Central Visayas 1,198 cases with 22 deaths, National Capital Region 1,179 cases with 16 deaths, and Region 12 composed of North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, and Sarangani, 1,044 cases with nine deaths;

WHEREAS, the DOH has detected an outbreak in Zamboanga City and General Tinio, Nueva Ecija;

WHEREAS, most of the patients were children aged one to nine;

WHEREAS, cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever in the country increase during the months of June, July, and August. The National Epidemic and Surveillance system showed there are more dengue cases in a 'wet-dry' scenario as compared to months where there is flooding because the larvae of the mosquito gets washed away;

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate efforts to establish a dengue prevention and control program in the country to stop the spread of the disease and prevent the unnecessary loss of lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alarming increase of dengue cases in the country, with the end view of recommending policy measures to prevent the spread of the disease and the unnecessary loss of lives.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator