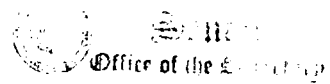


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RESOLUTION
STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE RECENT EXPLOSION IN
MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY

1 **WHEREAS**, on December 03, 2023, an incident occurred at the gymnasium of
2 Mindanao State University (MSU), in Marawi which caused the death of four (4)
3 individuals and left about fifty (50) others injured;

4 **WHEREAS**, an explosion took place around 7:40 in the morning in a gathering
5 at the MSU's Dimaporo Gymnasium, wherein a grenade or an improvised bomb is
6 suspected of being the origin of the explosion, based on an initial investigation;

7 **WHEREAS**, according to Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr., there was
8 strong evidence of "foreign element" being involved in the attack. Islamic State
9 militants claimed responsibility for the deadly bombing during said Catholic Mass;

10 **WHEREAS**, Marawi City, where the state university is situated, was the
11 battleground of the 2017 5-month-long siege between the government and militant
12 forces. This siege forced around 350,000 residents to flee the city and its surrounding
13 areas;

14 **WHEREAS**, United States expressed its condemnation regarding the horrific
15 terrorist attack that occurred at MSU;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, for the
17 Senate to strongly condemn the recent act of violence resulting to an explosion at a
18 gymnasium in Mindanao State University which killed four (4) innocent individuals and

- 1 injured dozens of them, and urging law enforcement agencies to undertake necessary
- 2 steps to resolve and prevent similar incidents in the future.

Adopted.



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