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House Resolution No. 668



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**Introduced by Representative Rico B. Geron**

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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET  
AND MANAGEMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE APPROPRIATE  
FUNDS FOR THE AID, RELIEF, REHABILITATION AND  
RESETTLEMENT OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ADVERSELY  
AFFECTED BY THE ERUPTION OF THE TAAL VOLCANO.**

**WHEREAS**, On January 12, 2020, Taal Volcano began erupting and PHILVOLCS subsequently issued an Alert Level 4.

**WHEREAS**, On January 13, 2020, the Provincial government of Batangas declared the province under the state of calamity ordering the evacuation of residents within the radius of 14 kilometers from the volcano. Municipalities and towns were placed under partial and total lockdowns.

**WHEREAS**, the eruption affected more than 500,000 people which are now in different evacuation areas in the province and nearby provinces such as Laguna, Quezon and Cavite.

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Agriculture reported that the damage to crops caused by the eruption are estimated to be P3.06 Billion as well damages to businesses, tourism and infrastructures.

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2020, PHIVOLCS downgraded Taal Volcano alert from Alert level 4 to Alert Level 3.

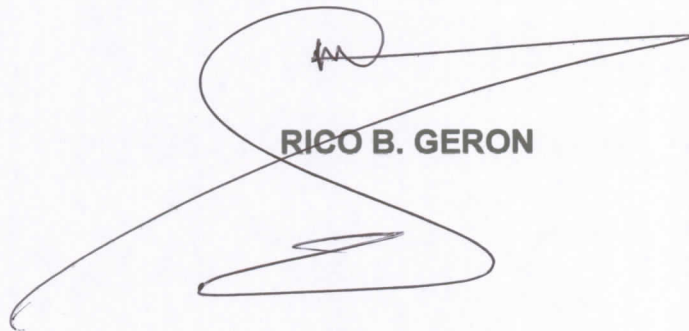
**WHEREAS**, residents within the 14 kilometer danger zone were allowed to return to their homes but the towns of Taal Volcano Island, Agoncillo and Laurel remain on lockdowns.

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**WHEREAS**, people were advised to take precaution that the threat of taal volcano is not yet over, the government should expedite the release of funds to help assist affected families and individuals to the process of their recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of the House of Representatives are hereby urged to direct the Department of Budget and Management to immediately release appropriate funds for the aid, relief, rehabilitation and settlement of families and individuals adverse affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano.

Approved,



**RICO B. GERON**