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Introduced by Representative FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 11469 OR THE BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT UNTIL SUCH TIME
THAT A CURE OR A VACCINE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 19
(COVID-19) HAS BEEN DEVELOPED**

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Presidential No. 922, s. 2020, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 19 (Covid-19);

WHEREAS, President Duterte also raised to Covid Red Sublevel Two (2) the Code Alert System for Covid-19 upon the recommendation of the Department of Health and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases and approved the imposition of Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) ;

WHEREAS, in order to control the spread of the virus, President Duterte declared a State of Calamity through the Philippines in Presidential Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020 and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon on 16 March 2020;

WHEREAS, in order to optimize the efforts of the President to carry out the tasks needed to implement the many programs to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, Congress enacted Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act on 23 March 2020 that declared a state

of national emergency over the entire country and gave President Duterte authority subject to limitations to carry out necessary measures to fight the virus;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of RA 11469 provides that the law shall only be effective for three (3) months from the date of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in the *Official Gazette* or until 25 June 2020;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), scientists and health experts have been one in giving the warning that Covid-19 will remain a threat until a cure or a vaccine for the virus has been developed and that nations are advised not to let their guard down against the virus;

WHEREAS, the experiences of South Korea, Singapore, China and Japan, among others on the incidents of sudden spike in Covid-19 cases after a flattening of the curb indicating a second or third wave of infection are clear pieces of evidence that there is no returning to normalcy without a definite cure or a vaccine for Covid-19;

WHEREAS, given such need for continuous vigilance and implementation of preventive, testing and treatment mechanisms in order to manage the virus as well continuous execution of economic stimulus response projects to respond to the "new normal", there is need to extend the effectivity of RA 11469 until a cure or vaccine for the Covid-19 is developed in order to give President Duterte enough authority to implement the extraordinary but necessary measures provided in the Bayanihan Act.

Adopted.


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