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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **331**



Introduced by Kabataan Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SIGNIFY ITS COMMITMENT IN
SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH STRIKE FOR CLIMATE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Act of 2009 or Republic Act No. 9729 provides that "it is the policy of the State to afford full protection and the advancement of the right of the people to a healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In this light, the State has adopted the Philippine Agenda 21 framework which espouses sustainable development, to fulfill human needs while maintaining the quality of the natural environment for current and future generations;"

Furthermore, the act requires the State to adhere to the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and "to cooperate with the global community in the resolution of climate change issues, including disaster risk reduction." The State should also encourage the involvement of "national and local governments, businesses, non-government organizations, local communities and the public to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of climate change and, at the same time, maximize the benefits of climate change;"

WHEREAS, the initiative of the youth and students to heighten the discourse on climate change necessitates an immediate response and action by the government as the effects of climate change are major threats to the lives of the people, especially to the future generations;

WHEREAS, according to a 2018 report from the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the planet will reach the vital threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) as early as 2030 if the matter at hand continues to be overlooked. This will trigger extreme disasters, such as drought, wildfires, floods, and food shortage;

WHEREAS, youth and students from over a hundred countries organized the Youth Strike for Climate, a campaign movement on fighting for climate justice and demanding political action on the crisis;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has joined the global movement and for the third time, youth, students, climate activists, environmentalists, concerned individuals and groups will participate in the third International Youth Strike for Climate on Friday, September 24, 2019 and will participate in the series of events in the #GlobalWeekOfAction on September 20-27, 2019;

WHEREAS, the following are the twenty-three locations in the country where the strikes will be held with their respective time (information from Youth Strike for Climate PH):

LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ilocos Norte• Baguio• Pampanga• Bataan• Caloocan City• Quezon City• Mandaluyong City• Cabuyao and Los Baños, Laguna• Dasmariñas, Cavite• Infanta, Quezon Province• Puerto Prinsesa, Palawan• Albay and Sorsogon, Bicol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tacloban City• Dumaguete City• Cebu City• Iloilo• Bacolod• Negros Occidental• Guian, Samar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Davao City• Tawi-Tawi• South Cotabato• General Santos• Iligan• Bukidnon• Digos

WHEREAS, the youth are living at a time when climate change is at stake. We recognize that the youth is the hope of the future and we will not stand and watch idly by while our planet is being destroyed and exploited;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the members of the House of Representatives are urged to signify its commitment in support for the Youth Strike for Climate on September 20-27, 2019, support its 6 National Demands and its succeeding steps toward climate action;

FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge the Climate Change Commission to convene to review and to update the public on the National Climate Change Action Plan. We urge the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor the implementation of this plan.

Adopted,

Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO
Kabataan Party-list