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House Resolution No. 821



Introduced by Representative FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

**RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE TO PASS THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF
THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT ITS PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF FOOD
SECURITY AND PRICE STABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc to the already volatile and challenging area of food security globally, including the Philippines;

WHEREAS, despite sustained economic growth and development for almost two decades, hunger remains high in the Philippines especially in the lowest economic strata and that malnutrition continues to persist in recent years;

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic is expected to make hunger and malnutrition worst with the effects of the Enhanced Community Quarantine and the concomitant economic fallout;

WHEREAS, to address this gargantuan task of addressing hunger and malnutrition by ensuring food security and stable prices through the continuous and unhampered movement of goods from origin to the markets during the ECQ and thereafter, the Department of Agriculture is asking for at least P1 billion in supplemental budget to ensure food supply availability and price stabilization;

WHEREAS, the P1 billion supplemental budget is earmarked in part for the upscaling of the "Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita" or the rolling food stores all over Metro Manila in partnership with local chief executives to ensure the steady supply of food to consumers at affordable prices;

WHEREAS, a big portion of the proposed supplemental budget will also be used for the extensive promotion and implementation of urban agriculture in Metro Manila and major cities and support frontline agriculture workers in terms of the coverage of their medical needs, biosecurity components and financial assistance;

WHEREAS, the DA also aims to strengthen its suggested retail price monitoring and enforcement to make sure that prices of basic commodities remain stable and affordable;

WHEREAS, as part of its commitment and resolve to help in the efforts to alleviate the condition of every Filipino affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine during these difficult times, the House of Representatives pledges to pass the proposed supplemental budget of the Department of Agriculture to more effectively and appropriately respond to the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of ensuring food security and price stability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the full support and commitment of the House of Representatives to pass the proposed supplemental budget of the Department of Agriculture to more effectively and appropriately respond to the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of ensuring food security and price stability.


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