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A RESOLUTION SEEKING TO IMPOSE AN IMMEDIATE TRAVEL MORATORIUM ON FLIGHTS FROM CHINA TO PANGLAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PANGLAO, BOHOL DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*WHEREAS*, the Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory infections such as MERS-CoV and SARS CoV and there are no vaccines or antiviral drugs that are approved for prevention;

*WHEREAS*, a new strain of coronavirus, initially found in China, dubbed as 2019-Ncov has been rapidly spreading throughout the globe;

*WHEREAS*, the Health Ministry of China, Ma Xiaowei made a statement on Wuhan Coronavirus that allegedly, people can spread the virus before it becomes symptomatic;

*WHEREAS*, Wuhan has been on lockdown by the Chinese Government because of numbers of individual infected by the coronavirus;

*WHEREAS*, there are about 65 or more deaths reported in Wuhan, China, and rapidly rising in and outside of China;

*WHEREAS*, the Philippines maintains flights between Panglao International Airport in Panglao Bohol and China, particularly flights from Hongkong, Macau, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Xiamen, Chengdu and Wuhan which caters to thousands of incoming Chinese tourists;

*WHEREAS*, the 1987 Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, inclusive of this right;

*WHEREAS*, as a health measure, and to curb the risk of spreading the aforementioned infection in the country, an immediate travel moratorium must be imposed halting the direct flight from China to Panglao International Airport;

***NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES***, to impose an immediate travel moratorium on direct flights from China to Panglao International Airport, in Panglao, Bohol until further notice or until such time that imminent risk of the Coronavirus are clearly contained.

***RESOLVED FURTHER***, the Department of Health to undergo extensive study on how best to control the outbreak from the local to the national level and to come up with a strategy and protocol on how to handle, quarantine and treat any person/s suspected to have symptoms or is infected with the Coronavirus.

*Adopted*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erico Aumentado', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and flourishes.

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