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## **RESOLUTION NO. 36**

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR

WHEREAS, the population of the Province of Samar increased significantly in recent years and is seeking better access to government services;

WHEREAS, basic consular services, such as the issuance of passports, are among the government services needed by the people of the province;

WHEREAS, the residents of the province have to travel long distances to the City of Tacloban in the Province of Leyte, the Province of Cebu, or in Metro Manila in order to apply for or renew their passports;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Department of Foreign Affairs Consular Office (DFA-CO) in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar will address the consular needs of the residents of the province as well as those from Northern Samar;

WHEREAS, the creation of new DFA-COs is part of the mandate of the Department of Foreign Affairs under Executive Order No. 45, series of 2017;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 45 which likewise provides for the criteria for opening additional DFA-COs such as its projected number of clientele and income, shall be subject to the approval of the President and the availability of funds as recommended by the Department of Budget and Management: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to establish a Consular Office in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 29, 2020.

JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES Secretary General