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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 350



Introduced by Kabataan Representative **SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
SUPPORT THE YOUTH FOR CLIMATE STRIKE'S NATIONAL DEMANDS

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, listed below are the following national demands:

1. Phase out coal and other fossil fuels in the Philippines' energy supply chain.
Coal-fired power plants contribute largely to carbon pollution and of its direct effect to our well-being We can phase out coal and other fossil fuels through divestment of commercial banks and other financial institutions from coal and other fossil fuel projects and urging our local governments to prohibit future construction of coal and other fossil fuel plants instead pursue renewable energy programs.
2. Just transition to 100% Renewable Energy that is accessible for every Filipino to ensure our sustained transition.

Transitioning to 100% renewable energy will not only contribute to our commitment to the Paris Agreement. It will also contribute to the achievement of SDGs 2: Zero Hunger, 3: Good Health and Well-being, and 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

3. Safeguard the rights of Indigenous People and Environmental Defenders

In 2018, the Philippines was named to be the most dangerous country to environmental defenders with 30 recorded killings throughout the year. For a mega-diverse country to be hailed dangerous to environmental defenders, it only depicts ill omen to the future of humanity and the environment.

We demand for a future not only safe for everyone defending our environment but also for our environment to thrive and survive

4. Strengthen CCAM-DRRM policies and enact legislation on CCAM-DRRM research and development

The Philippines have the best laws in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation-Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CAM-DRRM) because we are third most disaster-prone country given, we are at the Pacific Ring of fire and the Tropical Cyclone Belt. Hence, there is a need for continued research on CCAM-DRRM to support the implementation of existing laws to ensure that it is effective and efficient and for the reference of future laws.

5. Transform our existing cities and support the creation of Sustainable Cities and Communities

The worsening traffic situation of Metro Manila and other cities all over the country is a huge stumbling block for the Philippine economy to robust and for the government to ensure that Filipinos enjoy quality living. Transportation directly affects the environment because of its huge carbon dioxide emission amounting to a total of 36.1%.

It is insufficient to focus solely on the traffic situation because transportation is part of the bigger picture of cities and communities. There is a need to create inclusive sustainable cities and communities to solve the interconnected problem of high dense and car-centric Metro Manila

6. Declaration of Climate Emergency

The 2018 report of the IPCC highlight that we have until 2030 to transform the global economy to avoid the worst impacts of climate change by 2050. This is an urgent call to the Philippine government to declare climate emergency and utilize/fast-track our resources for climate change adaptation and mitigation since we are one of the most vulnerable country to the adverse impacts of climate change

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 members of the House of Representatives to support the youth for climate strike's national demands.

Adopted,

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