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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 788



Introduced by **HON. ANTHONY PETER "ONYX"D. CRISOLOGO**

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS DURING THEIR MEDIA
BRIEFINGS ON COVID-19 TO CATER TO THE DEAF
COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, an unidentified virus caused a pneumonic outbreak in Wuhan last December 2019 which was later confirmed by the World Health Organization to be a new strain of coronavirus.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the Department of Health confirmed the first case of coronavirus in the Philippines in a Chinese citizen who came from Wuhan. A few days after, a confirmed first case of a Filipino infected of coronavirus was reported.

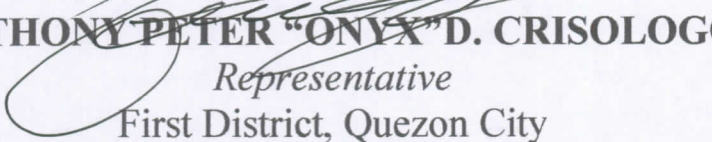
WHEREAS, as of March 7, 2020, the Department of Health had already reported two cases of local COVID-19 transmission which caused them to raise their alert system to Code Red: Sublevel 1.

WHEREAS, as of March 11, the Department of Health informed the public that the total number of confirmed cases in the Philippines increased to 33, while 31 more people are under observation.

WHEREAS, with the growing threat to the safety of our citizens, it is imperative that the preventive actions that we take are inclusive and will cater to all members of our community.

WHEREAS, the information regarding the current health situation of the country, and all official advisory from our medical experts should be made accessible and available for everyone, including our PWDs.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to urge the Department of Health to provide sign language interpreters during their media briefings on COVID-19 to cater to the Deaf Community in the country.



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