

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY EXTENDING IT UNTIL JUNE 11, 2020

WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the 18th Congress is scheduled to adjourn *sine die* on June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress had to prioritize measures in order to address the situation including passing Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act which meant that there are other measures which had to be delayed;

WHEREAS, many other important measures are needed to help the country during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other measures that would be beneficial to the country;

WHEREAS, among the bills that need to be passed are House Bill 6815 or the **Accelerated Recovery and Intervention Stimulus for the Economy of the Philippines (ARISE Philippines) Act** which appropriates the amount of P568 Billion for 2020 and the amount of P650 Billion for 2021; House Bill 6622 or **Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act**; House Bill 6676 or the **"COVID-19 Related Anti-Discrimination Act"**; House Bill 6709 or the **"COVID-19 Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus (CURES) Act of 2020"**; and House Bill 6864 or the **"Better Normal For The Workplace, Communities and Public Spaces Act of 2020"**;

WHEREAS, there are other measures still pending including various bills mandating the establishment of pop-up bicycle lanes for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; House Bill 6865 or the **"Crushing COVID-19 Act"**; and House Bill 6811 extending the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act by 3 months;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The Congress shall convene once every year on the fourth Monday of July for its regular session, unless a different date is fixed by law, and shall continue to be in session for such number of days as it may determine until thirty days before the opening of its next regular session, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.";

WHEREAS, in view of the same, we need to extend the First Regular Session of the 18th Congress until June 11, 2020 to give it additional time to pass vital legislation.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that the Legislative Calendar for the First Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines is amended by extending it until June 11, 2020.

Adopted,


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