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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_78

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## A RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE UMIRAY-ANGAT FACILITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THE WORSENING WATER CRISIS

WHEREAS, As of June 25, 2019, the Head of Manila Water's Used Water Operations and Performance Planning Department said that "Angat Dam's water level is at 158.6 meters, which is below the 160-meter critical level and may continue to dip due to climate woes and high output demand."

WHEREAS, The Philippine News Agency ("PNA") reported that "the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) reduced the water allocation for Manila Water to 36 cubic meters per second, a total of about 300 million liters per day, further reducing the water distributor's capacity to satisfy the demand of its 6.8 million customers."

WHEREAS, The PNA also reported that "Manila Water is now implementing water interruptions lasting for 12 to 17 hours from the previous 8 to 12 hours."

WHEREAS, According to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System ("MWSS"), the rehabilitation of the Umiray-Angat Facilities is being implemented and funded by the Common Purpose Facility (CPF) Office of Manila Water and Maynilad Water.

WHEREAS, The total cost of the project is P717M and its actual accomplishment as of September 2018 was at 59.404%.

**WHEREAS**, In order to stabilize and increase the water allocation of the Angat Dam, the rehabilitation of the *Umiray-Angat* Facilities should be accelerated as the water crisis persists despite the entry of the rainy season

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representative of the Philippines, to direct the Committee on Metro Manila Development to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, to call on Manila Water, Maynilad Water and the Stakeholders involved to determine the cause of delay of the rehabilitation of the Umiray-Angat Facilities and its adverse effects on the community.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a comprehensive report be first submitted showing a comprehensive progress report of the rehabilitation as well as its projected timeline for completion.

Adopted,

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