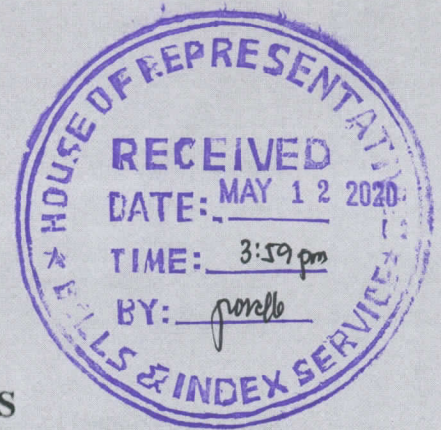




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Introduced by Representatives **ADOLPH EDWARD "EDDIEBONG" G. PLAZA** and
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A RESOLUTION
ALLOWING PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN LESS
COMPROMISED AREAS FROM CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) TO
ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS APPROPRIATE AND
NECESSARY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, on 30 January 2020, World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on 11 March 2020, WHO Director General characterized COVID-19 as a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the Office of the President issued Proclamation No. 929, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 and imposing Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) throughout Luzon;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 or the "*Bayanihan* to Heal as One Act," granted the President temporary authority to carry out tasks necessary to implement measure to mitigate and prevent the further transmission of COVID-19 in the country;

WHEREAS, on 29 April 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), through Resolution No. 30, approved and

WHEREAS, on 29 April 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), through Resolution No. 30, approved and recommended the adoption of the *Omnibus Guidelines for the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*, which shall apply to all regions, provinces, cities, or areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine or General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, as of May 11, 2020, the latest data from the Department of Health (DOH) listed 11,086 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country with 1, 999 recoveries and 726 deaths.

WHEREAS, while cooperation between the national government and LGUs in flattening the curve and preventing further transmission of COVID-19 are necessary, it is imperative for LGUs to exercise powers granted through the "general welfare clause" of the Local Government Code of 1991 to take all possible preventive actions and maximize all available resources to ensure the safety and health of the people against this growing threat;

WHEREAS, there are regions, provinces, cities, and municipalities in the country which are currently COVID-free or has considerably few COVID-19 cases; some local officials of these less compromised areas are seeking to implement stricter measures in response to various issues arising within their respective areas and in aid to the over-all goal of the national government in addressing this crisis;

WHEREAS, stricter preventive measures are deemed necessary in preventing the emergence of the spread of the virus within their territorial jurisdiction considering that many Local Government Units outside the Metropolitan areas are ill-equipped and resource-scarce for a curative response;

WHEREAS, there is a need for Local Government Units to complement and support the national policy in fighting COVID-19 through the implementation of stricter preventive measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representative to allow local government units with few to zero COVID-19 cases to adopt and implement quarantine protocols appropriate and necessary to their respective communities to control the spread of COVID-19.

ADOPTED,



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