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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN THE PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS AND
MEDICINES NEARING EXPIRY AND ITS DELAYED DISTRIBUTION TO
PUBLIC HOSPITALS NATIONWIDE

1 **WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution in no uncertain
2 terms lays down the national health policy of our country in this manner: "The State shall adopt an
3 integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential
4 goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be
5 priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State
6 shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

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8 **WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations implementing RA 9184 (Government Procurement
9 Act) substantially provides that "All procurement shall be within the approved budget of the
10 procuring entity and should be meticulously and judiciously planned by the procuring entity.
11 Consistent with government fiscal discipline measures, only those considered crucial to the efficient
12 discharge of governmental functions shall be included in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP). For
13 purposes of this IRR, a procurement project shall be considered crucial to the efficient discharge of
14 governmental functions if it is required for the day-to-day operations or is in pursuit of the principal
15 mandate of the procuring entity concerned."

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17 **WHEREAS**, The Commission of Audit (COA) released an audit report finding the
18 Department of Health (DOH) procurement of Drugs and Medicines amounting to ₱367.158 million
19 were found to be nearing expiry thus, has exposed these inventories for distribution to the risk of
20 expiration before it reaches the intended beneficiaries, affecting the immediate and maximum use of
21 said medicines, increasing the probability of losing their efficacy, slow delivery of health care goods
22 to the intended beneficiaries and the possibility of resulting in wastage of government funds.

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24 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to look into the policies of DOH its determination of which
25 drugs and medicines are needed basing on population and allocated budget.

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27 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to inquire into and safeguard the budget of DOH as it is essential
28 to secure that all public hospitals are equipped with necessary drug, medicines and equipment's.

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30 **WHEREAS**, there is an overwhelming need to determine the procedure undertaken and
31 reasons that delayed the distribution of drugs and medicines to public hospitals nationwide.
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33 **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Health and
34 other appropriate Committees in the House of Representatives to immediately conduct an
35 investigation in aid of legislation on the above mentioned issues and circumstance in order to explore
36 and adopt efficient procurement of drugs and medicine by the Department of Health, and to come out
37 with the necessary legislation for this purpose.
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