

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Metro Manila
Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMPASSION,
SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT AND EMPATHY OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE DISPLACED,
BEREAVED AND INJURED MINDANAOANS DURING
THE OCTOBER 2019 EARTHQUAKES

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, the Province of Cotabato was struck by a 6.5 magnitude earthquake of tectonic origin with the epicenter located 33 kilometers northeast of Tulunan, which was also the epicenter of a magnitude 6.6 quake on October 29 and a magnitude 6.3 temblor on October 16 that were felt in different parts of Mindanao, including South Cotabato, Maguindanao and Davao del Sur;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the quakes, twenty-two (22) people were reported dead, more than four hundred (400) were injured, six thousand nine (6,009) families in seventy-two (72) barangays were impacted with twenty thousand nine hundred

thirteen (20,913) houses destroyed and six thousand three hundred ninety-seven (6,397) partially damaged, with twenty-seven thousand four hundred eighty-five (27,485) persons displaced, twenty thousand six hundred thirty-five (20,635) of whom are now housed in temporary government shelters and six thousand eight hundred fifty (6,850) are staying with relatives in safe areas;

WHEREAS, the region was placed in a state of crisis and calamity, with affected families finding themselves in a desperate situation of unmet vital needs such as access to food and safe drinking water, lack of essential household items, emergency shelter kits, basic health services, and psychosocial first aid;

WHEREAS, families are constrained to remain in evacuation centers due to aftershocks, and there is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of lives and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are given serious attention;

WHEREAS, in the midst of the rubble and trauma, and even as Mindanao faces a daunting task of rebuilding, Mindanaoans are united and standing strong, rising above the calamity, and proving that no task remains insurmountable when people are willing to extend a helping hand: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its compassion, solidarity, support and empathy for the displaced, bereaved and injured Mindanaoans during the October 2019 earthquakes.

Resolved, further, That Members of Congress collectively and individually rise up to meet the challenges of relief and rehabilitation in earthquake-stricken areas, including but not limited to, pledge and deduct individual pledges from their

November 2019 salary for the purpose of providing financial assistance to those affected.

Adopted,

A stylized signature in black ink, featuring a large, sweeping loop and a smaller, more intricate flourish below it.

ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 6, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Luis G. Montales' with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General