Republic of the Philippines 1 2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 3 Quezon City 4 5 **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS** First Regular Session 6 7 355 HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 8 9 10 11 Introduced by 12 13 14 Gabriela Women's Party Rep. ARLENE D. BROSAS, 15 ACT Teachers Party-list Rep. FRANCE L. CASTRO, 16 17 Kabataan Party-list Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO 18 19 RESOLUTION 20 21 URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, 22 23 ON THE KILLING OF FARMER ANGELITO MARIVAO IN 24 25 SITIO LAGDIK, BRGY. MABUHAY, BUKIDNON 26 27 28 29 Brgy. Mabuhay, Bukidnon. He was shot on the head with a calibre .45; 30 31 32 33 34

Bayan Muna Party-list Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT, CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, and FERDINAND R. GAITE,

TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2019, Angelito Marivao, 49 years old, was shot dead by a suspected member of the 88th IBPA riding a red XRM motorcycle outside his house in Sitio Lagdik, Purok 3,

WHEREAS, Angelito Marivao was a member of KASAMA-Bukidnon, the provincial chapter of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP), a peasant organization constantly vilified and red-tagged by the Armed Forces of the Philippines and other state agencies;

WHEREAS, Angelito Marivao as a member of KASAMA-Bukidnon was active in opposing the entry of mining companies along the Pantaron Mountain Range in Mindanao;

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WHEREAS, prior to Mariyao's killing, there has been a spate of attacks against the farmers and their support groups, especially those belonging to progressive farmer's organizations, in Bukidnon and the entire Mindanao;

WHEREAS, on September 12, just a few days before Marivao's killing, another farmer from Bukidnon, Leonides Bacong, was shot dead by two unidentified assailants who entered his house posing as visitors. Bacong was also a member and local leader of KASAMA-Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, On August 23, Lumad leader Bai Leah Tumbalang, a Tigwahanon leader from San
 Fernando, Bukidnon was shot in the head, killing her instantly. Bai Leah was an active member of
 KASILO, a Lumad and peasant organization in the province;

WHEREAS, On August 11, Jeffrey Bayot, from Butong, Quezon Town, Bukindon was killed by unknown assailants at around 7 PM. Bayot was also a member of Lumad and peasant group Kasilo;

WHEREAS, On August 9, Lumad farmer Alex Lacay, was shot dead by 2 uniformed soldiers while he was riding his motorcyle on the way to the public market. Lacay sustained two gunshot wounds in the head and four in the abdomen. His companion, Renard Burgos, was able to evade the attack safely. Both are members of Kalumbay, regional organization for indigenous people;

WHEREAS, On August 1, Guillermo Casas, a farmer and also a member of KASAMA-Bukidnon was shot dead by masked gunmen. Casas and his companion, Jocelyn Laurete were in a store when the assailants shot them at close range. Laurete also sustained gunshot wounds from the attack;

WHEREAS, last July 6, at around 6:30 a.m., farmer Joel Anino was also shot dead in his home in San Fernando town, Bukidnon by unidentified gunmen. Anino was also a member of KASAMA-Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, on July 8, Datu Mario Agsab, was shot dead in his home at Sitio Mainaga, Brgy. Iba, Cabanglasan, Bukidnon at around 7:00 am by suspected members of paramilitary group Alamara and CAFGU members under the 8th Infantry Batallion. Agsab was an active leader of Lumad organization PIGYAYUNGA-AN, a local chapter of Kalumbay Regional Lumad Organization in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 57-year old Liovigildo "Nonoy" Palma, another active member of KASAMA-Bukidnon was gunned down by motorcycle-riding gunmen outside his house in Sitio Malambago, Brgy. Halapitan, San Fernando, Bukidnon. Local residents identified one of the gunmen as a member of paramilitary group Alamara;

WHEREAS, Marivao is the 16<sup>th</sup> victim of extra-judicial killing (EJK) of members of progressive organizations, particularly lumad and peasants, in Bukidnon since the start of 2019;

WHEREAS, these attacks on peasant and lumad communities, particularly in Bukidnon, are clear affront on the basic rights of our people, and, Congress as an institution, should not just ignore the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the House of Representatives, through its Committee on Human Rights, investigate, in aid of legislation, the shooting of Lumad farmer Alex Lacay in Brgy. Salawagan, Quezon, Bukidnon and all the other attacks and killings of lumads and farmers who are members of progressive organizations in Bukidnon.

Adopted,

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