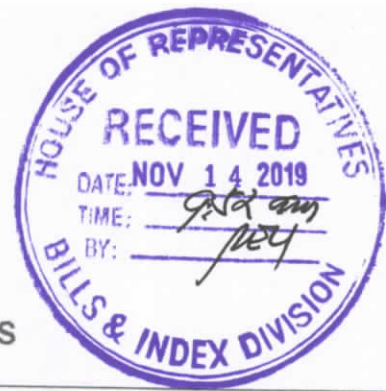


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Resolution No. 530

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE COMPASSION AND EMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE OCTOBER 2019 EARTHQUAKES IN REGIONS X, XI, XII AND THE BARMM AND URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATELY EXTEND ALL FORMS OF AID TO ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKES

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019, a Magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit Mindanao with the epicenter being reported to be in Tuluhan, North Cotabato;

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2019, another earthquake with magnitude 6.6 shook Mindanao with the epicenter 25 kilometers southeast of Tuluhan;

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, yet another earthquake rocked central and eastern Mindanao with a magnitude of 6.5 with the epicenter again determined to be in Tuluhan, North Cotabato;

WHEREAS, the effects of these 3 earthquakes were felt not only in North Cotabato but also in Regions X, XI, XII and the BARMM;

WHEREAS, these earthquakes caused landslides in different areas including M'lang in Cotabato Province, Tuluhan in North Cotabato, and Magsaysay in Davao del Sur;

WHEREAS, fire also broke out in some areas, as well as flooding which resulted from the damage in the dike near Buluan-Paglat river;

WHEREAS, as a result of these earthquakes, property was damaged, people were injured and some lives were lost;

WHEREAS, as per NDRRMC Update as of November 5, 2019, 37,716 families (188,583 persons) were affected in 246 barangays in Regions XI and XII; and a total of 21 persons died, 421 injured and 2 are still missing in Regions X, XI, XII, and BARMM

WHEREAS, total of 30,748 infrastructures were damaged, power lines were cut, and the water supply in Cotabato was affected;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, Section 2(p) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", provides that it is the policy of the

State to provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of disaster, and facilitate resumption of normal social and economic activities;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives calls on the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Health, the National Housing Authority, the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System and other government agencies to immediately extend all possible assistance to all the victims of the earthquakes, expedite humanitarian assistance and restore normalcy to the affected areas;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives commiserate with the families and loved ones of those affected by this natural disaster;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people expresses its sincerest gratitude to organizations, both government and nongovernment, who immediately responded to the disaster and extended assistance through search and rescue efforts, delivery of food and nonfood items, first aid, psychosocial support, and financial assistance, among others.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to express its profound sympathies and deepest condolences to those affected by the three earthquakes and aftershocks that hit Mindanao, particularly Regions X, XI, XII, and BARMM and to call and urge the National Government to immediately extend all forms of aid to all the victims of the earthquakes, expedite humanitarian assistance and restore normalcy to the affected areas.

Adopted,



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