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Introduced by HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

**RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT TO RELAX THE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT
PROCEDURE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EMERGENCY SUBSIDY
PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITIES IN THE
COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to grow exponentially in different areas of the country, the majority of the Philippines has been placed on quarantine in order to promote physical distancing and flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, as an effect of such quarantine measures, the level of economic activity has been greatly diminished, resulting in the loss or reduction of income of the large majority of Filipino families, not just the poor and low-income earners;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, through Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2020 issued by the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), mandates the distribution of cash aid to impacted families through the Emergency Subsidy Program (ESP);

WHEREAS, the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Six Billion Pesos has been appropriated for use of the DSWD for the ESP;

WHEREAS, the beneficiaries for the ESP include 13.5 million non-members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) to be identified by the DSWD;

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2020, only 45% of non-4Ps beneficiaries have received the cash aid;

WHEREAS, the highly-impacted families are mostly in highly-urbanized areas where economic activity used to be concentrated prior to the community quarantine;

WHEREAS, the cost of living in highly-urbanized areas along with the incidence of doubled-up housing are much higher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Social Welfare and Development to relax the requirements and assessment procedure for the distribution of the Emergency Subsidy Program, particularly in highly-urbanized cities in order to ensure that those who need the financial assistance receive them in a just and prompt manner.

Adopted,



RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA