

WHEREAS, in a report submitted by the DoH on a comparative study of dengue cases from 2009 to 2010, there was increase of 287.38% in Region 1, 94.43% increase in Region IV-A, 4.90 increase in NCR, 197.49 increase in Region XII, and a 1,567.55 increase in Region VIII;

WHEREAS, the DoH report also stated that the total number of dengue cases in the country is 84,023, which is 117.73% higher that same period in 2009; but that the number of deaths, which have totaled to 567, is lower by 1.1% in 2009;

WHEREAS, although it is commendable that the teachers and students have shown initiative in continuing the cleanliness campaign against dengue, and that the DoH has taken action in addressing dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever; the alarming increase in dengue cases, however, should serve as a warning and a challenge to heighten government and community efforts to combat this illness;

WHEREAS, the government should see to it that garbage collection happens on a regular basis, and that schools pro-actively contribute to the cleaning of their surroundings;

WHEREAS, the legislature should enact measures to curb the yearly rise of dengue cases;

WHEREAS, environmental awareness, cleanliness, and sanitation importance should be taught with significance in all schools; likewise, parents should be also made aware of such;

WHEREAS, sanctions should be given to people who disregard the cleanliness of their environment, while, those who ensure the cleanliness of their surroundings should be commended;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on health to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to enact measures to curb the yearly rise of dengue cases in the country.

Adopted,


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