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RESOLUTION CREATING A SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE MARAWI RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, the Maute group extremist, a local terrorist group and claimed to be affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) took-over Camp Ranao, Marawi City Hall, Mindanao State University, a hospital and city jail, and other parts of Marawi;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the city was attacked by at least five hundred (500) militants along with some foreign fighters and that some members of the Maute group were seen waving ISIS black flags as they move around the streets of Marawi;

WHEREAS, on the same day, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 216 (series 2017) placing the Mindanao group of islands under Martial Law and suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus for a period of sixty (60) days;

WHEREAS, as of July 9, 2017, it has been reported by the Armed Forces of the Philippines that government troops have been able to kill 379 terrorists; At least 89 soldiers and policemen have also been killed in the clashes while 39 civilians were killed by members of the Maute and Abu Sayyaf groups; More than 1,723 civilians, who have been trapped in the combat zone or those who were taken hostage, have been rescued by both government and non-governmental bodies;¹

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WHEREAS, the Maute crisis have forced 389,300 people to flee their homes; 70,380 people have been housed in 79 government evacuation centers in Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte and Misamis Occidental while the rest have sheltered with their relatives according to social welfare figures;²

WHEREAS, the continued month-long crisis left the city with ravaged and shattered buildings, houses, public infrastructures and utilities, and numerous homeless victims;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Administrative Order No. 3 (series 2017), creating the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Recovery, Reconstruction, and Rehabilitation of Marawi City or the Task Force *Bangon Marawi*;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 3 states that all departments, bureaus, officers, agencies, or instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, are directed to provide full support, assistance, and cooperation to Task Force *Bangon Marawi*;

WHEREAS, considering the gravity of destruction brought about by Marawi crisis, there is a need for the creation of an ad hoc committee which shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters directly and principally relating to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City and other affected areas:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to create a Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Marawi Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program

Adopted,

JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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