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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SENATE TO THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CALLING FOR ZERO  
TOLERANCE AGAINST STREET AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT TOWARDS  
CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR ALL**

**WHEREAS**, November 25 has been designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a yearly commemoration to highlight the vulnerabilities faced by women against various forms of violence – whether sexual, physical, psychological, economic;

**WHEREAS**, recently, social media and the mainstream media have been replete with reports of high-profile cases of sexual harassment particularly in the entertainment and music industry, unmasking what has previously been an invisible social malaise;

**WHEREAS**, in the Philippines, an 88% of women between the ages of 18 to 24 years old have experienced sexual harassment at least once in their life;

**WHEREAS**, despite the existence of a sexual harassment law, anecdotal evidence shows that the cases of sexual harassment in schools and workplaces are still prevalent and remain underreported;

**WHEREAS**, the sexist portrayal of women in the media and misogyny in public spaces by public officials have contributed to the culture of sexual harassment and have enabled impunity among sexual harassers;

**WHEREAS**, owing to this, there is a need to call for zero tolerance against street and public spaces harassment and through policy and education, create safe spaces for all women in public spaces, schools, transportation, and work places;

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to express the full support of the Senate to the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women with the end in view of calling for zero tolerance against street and public spaces harassment towards creating safe spaces for all.*

Adopted,

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