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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, THE EXISTING PROTOCOLS FOR DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides 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;¹

WHEREAS, Section 2(a) 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 uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts;²

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm "Vinta" entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) on December 20, 2017;³

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm "Vinta" intensified as a Severe Tropical Storm on December 21, 2017 and affected Regions XI, X, and the ARMM resulting in the declaration of State of Calamities in the province of Lanao del Norte and the municipalities of Tambulig, Siocon, Gutalac, Salug, and Labason in Zamboanga del Norte⁴;

¹Official Gazette: <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/1987-constitution/>

²National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Official Website: http://www.ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/45/Republic_Act_10121.pdf

³CNN Philippines Online News: <http://cnnphilippines.com/news/2017/12/20/Tropical-Depression-Vinta-enters-Philippine-territory-may-become-tropical-storm.html>

⁴National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Situational Report: http://www.ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/3264/SitRep_No_19_re_Preparedness_Measures_and_Effects_Typhoon_VINTA_as_of_8AM.pdf

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm “Vinta” exited the PAR on December 24, 2017 at 8:00am and left with a reported casualty of at least one hundred sixty four (164) persons dead and around one hundred seventy six (176) persons missing⁵;

WHEREAS, the large death toll left by Tropical Storm “Vinta” is unacceptable due to numerous disaster risk reduction and management programs of the government as well as advancements in weather forecast technology;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to conduct a full review of the existing protocols for disaster risk reduction and management from the national government level down to the local governments to address any possible loopholes in the system as well as to promote a “zero casualty” approach;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate Committees to review, in aid of legislation, the existing protocols for disaster risk reduction and management.

Adopted,



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⁵Ibid