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RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF DRUG SYNDICATES AT THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISON

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizens particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, it is likewise hereby declared a national policy that the State shall wage an uncompromising war on dangerous drugs by pursuing an intensive and unrelenting campaign against the trafficking and use thereof and other similar substances, not only through an integrated system of planning, implementation and enforcement of anti-drug abuse policies, programs, and projects, but also through the continuous monitoring of the imposition of the penalties on convicted felons in the National Bilibid Prison (NBP) to ensure that they are totally incapacitated from engaging in any and all unlawful transactions and operations including those involving illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, based on a 2012 study on drug trafficking by the Philippine Center for Transnational Crime (PCTC), a total of 6,020 barangays in the Philippines are drug-infested; this figure has increased to at least 8,629 out of the 42,065 barangays nationwide based on the 2015 Report of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA);

WHEREAS, the spread of illegal drugs consistently increases despite the campaign and implementation by the Philippine National Police of its anti drug-abuse policies and programs;

WHEREAS, two of the three top drug dealers in the Philippines, Peter Co and Herbert Colangco, who were recently publicly identified by His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, are presently detained in the NBP but continue to operate from their detention cells-turned luxury air-conditioned *kubols* (shelters) equipped with internet connection;

WHEREAS, the use of the NBP as a base for the operation of these top drug lords has been made evident during the raid operation conducted on December 2014, where makeshift “shabu” laboratories were discovered, as well as other illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia, high-powered firearms and improvised weapons, luxury watches and other smuggled items, golf carts, electric bikes, musical instruments, flat screen television sets and other appliances, sex toys and other pornographic items, as well as a stripper bar and Jacuzzi spread;



WHEREAS the government operations exposed the nation’s premier detention facility as a permanent asylum for drug lords, gambling lords and local “mafiosi,” operating freely within the enclosed facility, imposing control on inmates, and operating side by side with institutional workers and security personnel;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of illegal drug trade and other criminal activities inside the NBP created a climate of anger, apprehension and frustration among citizens who now believe that the nation is under the grip of powerful drug syndicates coddled by high-ranking authorities of the government;

WHEREAS, the new administration, under His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, inspired an unprecedented clamor for drug policy reform, and an outcry for genuine public accountability and transparency among government officials and agencies mandated to enforce the law and combat criminality, in order that the people’s trust and confidence in government institutions and processes may be effectively restored;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the appropriate committee to immediately conduct a comprehensive investigation on the proliferation of drug syndicates in the NBP, including the involvement and accountability of the authorities mandated to exercise control and supervision over the national penitentiary, under the leadership of then Secretary of the Department of Justice Leila M. De Lima, and such other heads of law enforcement agencies tasked with implementing law enforcement policies particularly those in combatting the use, proliferation and trade of illegal and prohibited drugs.

Adopted,


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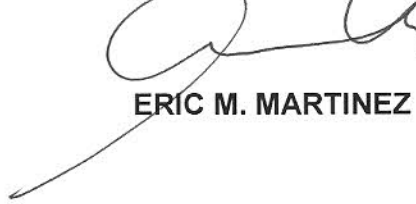
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