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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 413



Introduced by Representative PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SERIES OF
RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, on 11 December 2017, Tropical Storm Urduja generated landslides that caused 47 deaths and 44 missing persons in Romblon, Masbate, Samar, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Biliran, and Surigao del Sur. In Biliran alone, 26 deaths were recorded. Mass casualties were caused by landslides in the municipalities of Naval (15 dead), Caibiran (7 dead) and Almeria (4 dead);

WHEREAS, on 22 December 2017, Tropical Storm Vinta caused more than 183 deaths in Lanao del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur. A total of 44 deaths, 18 injured, and 14 missing persons were confirmed in Regions IX, X, CARAGA and ARMM. Heaviest hit was Tubod, Lanao del Norte where 18 verified dead bodies, 27 missing, and 4 injured persons were reported;

WHEREAS, on 15 September 2018, Typhoon Ompong triggered landslides that left 82 dead, 138 injured and 2 missing in Region I, II, III, VI, CAR, and NCR. In the mining town of Itogon, Benguet, the death toll from landslides reached 113;

WHEREAS, on 20 September 2018, a month after numerous developing fractures were reported in the upland area of the Apo Mining Tenement in Naga City, Cebu, a massive landslide killed 77 people, with 7 injured and 57 missing and presumed dead in the low-lying adjacent areas of Barangays Sindulan and Naalad, Naga City;

WHEREAS, on 28 December 2018, Typhoon Rosita caused a total of 20 deaths and 2 injured in CALABARZON and CAR Regions. According to the Provincial Disaster Risk Management Officer (PDRMO) of Mountain Province, there were a total of 21 deaths, 8 missing and 4 injured in their area of jurisdiction. The DPWH 2nd District Engineering Office in Barangay Banawel, Natonin, Mountain Province was totally destroyed by a massive landslide which killed many who sought shelter in the building.

WHEREAS, on 29 December 2018, Tropical Depression Usman caused a total of 156 deaths, 26 missing and 105 injured persons. The most number of deaths were in Sagnay, Camarines Sur (57 dead), Buhi, Camarines Sur (11 dead) and Tiwi, Albay (14 dead);

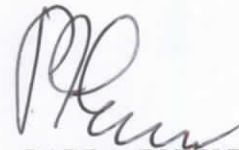
WHEREAS, the aforementioned series of disasters that resulted in mass casualties in a locality - which all happened within a year and unprecedented in terms of frequency in the past 2 decades - is a rich source of information that may be derived from the perspective of the Local Government Units (LGUs) and National Government Agencies (NGAs) involved;

WHEREAS, this information can be used to improve our country's disaster risk reduction efforts in order to prevent mass casualties due to natural disasters;

WHEREAS, it is the primordial duty of Congress, in the exercise of its legislative and oversight functions, to ensure the safety and security of our people and to provide mechanisms to improve disaster risk reduction efforts of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through its Committee on Disaster Management, to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation, on the recent multiple disasters in the span of a year that resulted in mass casualties in specific localities.

Adopted.



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