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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 576

**Introduced by Honorable Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong
and Yasser Alonto Balindong**

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO RECONSIDER THE PLAN TO BUILD A SECOND MILITARY CAMP IN MARAWI CITY IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF MARAWI CITY AND PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE RESIDENTS OF GROUND ZERO TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

WHEREAS, the 250-hectare “Ground Zero” in Marawi City consisting of twenty-four barangays was the battle ground of Government Forces and Maute Group during the Marawi Siege in 2017;

WHEREAS, this area, as well as the other affected areas, is the place of abode of the victims of the Marawi Siege;

WHEREAS, internally displaced persons as a result of the Marawi Siege have not returned to their homes;

WHEREAS, the Marawi victims continue to live in precarious and uncertain situations in spite of their internationally recognized right to voluntarily return, in safety and dignity, to their original or former habitual homes and lands;

WHEREAS, there is a proposal to establish a new military camp inside “Ground Zero” which, while intended to protect the inhabitants of Marawi City, will result in a permanent displacement of the residents of the area and further delay the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City;

WHEREAS, the duty of the State to secure its citizens in their houses must be exercised side by side with the right of its people to be restored to their homes;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to prohibit forced eviction, avoid demolition of ancestral houses, prevent arbitrary confiscation or expropriation of land, and prioritize the right to return to one's home as a preferred remedy to displacement and as a key element of restorative justice;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro people have articulated their sentiments against the plan to build a second military camp which will permanently displace the victims and further delay the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City which they have expressed in various fora, resolutions, and petitions signed by thousands of residents, farmers, students, cause-oriented groups, local government units, including the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur, and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, as the Government is now in full control of the situation, it can find ways and means to secure the area without jeopardizing the right of its people to return to their homes and speed up the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To respectfully request His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to reconsider the plan to build a second military camp in Marawi City in order to speed up the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City and protect the right of the residents of "Ground Zero" to return to their homes.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the Secretary of National Defense.

Adopted,



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