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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1164

Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

A RESOLUTION
EXpressing SUPPORT FOR THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND
SusPENDING THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THE PROVINCE OF SULU, OR
WHERE NEEDED IN THE REGION OF MINDANAO, AND REQUIRING THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO PROVIDE A BASIS THEREOF TO
THE COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Section 18, Article VII (Executive Department) of the 1987 Constitution
states, in pertinent part: "The President shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all armed forces
of the Philippines and whenever it becomes necessary, he may call out such armed forces to
prevent or suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion. In case of invasion or rebellion,
when the public safety requires it, he may, for a period not exceeding sixty days, suspend the
privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or place the Philippines or any part thereof under martial
law. Within forty-eight hours from the proclamation of martial law or the suspension of the
privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, the President shall submit a report in person or in writing
to the Congress. x x x";

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation
No. 216, "Declaring a State of Martial Law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas
Corpus in the Whole of Mindanao";

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2017, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte submitted a Report to
the House of Representatives relative to Proclamation No. 216 stating, among others: "x x x,
after finding that lawless armed groups have taken up arms and committed public uprising
against the duly constituted government and against the people of Mindanao, for the purpose
of removing Mindanao - starting with the City of Marawi, Lanao del Sur - from its allegiance
to the Government and its laws and depriving the Chief Executive of his powers and
prerogatives to enforce the laws of the land and to maintain public order and safety in
Mindanao, to the great damage, prejudice, and the detriment of the people therein and the nation
as a whole. x x x";
WHEREAS, the declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao was a critical component of the Marawi Siege, the armed conflict between the Philippine Government Security Forces and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) affiliates from May 23, 2017 to October 23, 2017;

WHEREAS, Martial Law in Mindanao was lifted on January 1, 2020 upon the expiration of the third extension of Proclamation No. 216 to December 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was bombed on January 27, 2019 by suicide bombers, killing fourteen (14) civilians, five (5) soldiers, and one (1) coast guard;

WHEREAS, the Islamic State (IS) took responsibility for the bombings, acknowledging that it was committed by two (2) knights of Martyrdom against a crusader temple,

WHEREAS, two (2) suicide bombers caused an explosion in Jolo on August 24, 2020 killing seven (7) soldiers, six (6) civilians, and one (1) police officer;

WHEREAS, the Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the blasts, in which Abu Sayyaf bomb maker Mundi Sawadjaan was identified as the mastermind of the attack;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for requiring a declaration of a state of Martial Law for the Province of Sulu and nearby areas to establish peace and order;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to require the Department of National Defense to present to the Committee on Mindanao Affairs the basis for and benefits of declaring Martial Law in the Province of Sulu so that it may be reported to the whole of the House of Representatives.

Adopted,

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