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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 512

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on SEP. 9 2020

Re : House Resolution No. 1221

Recommend its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 119

Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones and Jake Vincent S. Villa

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Resolution No. 119, introduced by Representative Jake Vincent S. Villa, entitled:

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD TOURISM DAY

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1221, entitled:

A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE TOURISM SECTOR, ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK AND WORLD TOURISM DAY, AND ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (UNWTO) IN PRIORITIZING TOURISM IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLANS AND PROGRAMS


Respectfully submitted,

REP. SOL ARAGONES
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WHEREAS, the tourism industry is recognized as one of the largest and fastest growing industries in the world that, over the past six decades, has experienced continued expansion and diversification, benefiting destinations and communities all over the world;

WHEREAS, international tourist arrivals worldwide have grown from 25 million in 1950 to nearly 1.3 billion today, and similarly, international tourism revenues have increased from US$ 2 billion in 1950 to USD 1.48 trillion in 2019;

WHEREAS, tourism receipts represents an estimated ten percent (10%) of the world’s Gross Domestic Product, and the sector accounts for one (1) in ten (10) jobs generated globally;

WHEREAS, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) forecasts international tourism growth at an average of three percent (3%) annually, which growth reflects the progressive expansion of access to tourism due to the decline in the price of transport and the growth of the middle classes worldwide;

WHEREAS, in 1980, the UNWTO launched the celebration of World Tourism Day, which has, since then, been observed on 27 September every year, to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on 27 September 1970, which is considered a milestone in global tourism history;
WHEREAS, World Tourism Day is celebrated yearly to foster awareness on
the importance of tourism, and its social, cultural, political and economic values to the
international community, especially as this highlights the contribution of the tourism
industry in the attainment of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals
(SDGs);

WHEREAS, tourism has been one of the industries hardest hit by the Covid-
19 pandemic, with the restrictions in travel and border lockdowns resulting in the
closure of businesses, putting at risk approximately one hundred twenty (120) million
direct tourism jobs, with losses in international tourism spending estimated at US$910
billion to US$1.2 Trillion;

WHEREAS, international cooperation is vital in ensuring that the tourism
industry is able to recover from the setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic and regain
its prominence as a major engine of investment, employment and economic
development;

WHEREAS, for the year 2020, the theme for the World Tourism Day
celebration is “Tourism: Building Peace and Fostering Knowledge” which, in the
face of the worldwide crisis, occasions deep reflection into the way forward for travel
and tourism and their roles in creating opportunities for inclusive growth while
fostering responsible stewardship of the natural environment;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is in full support of the call of the
UNWTO for governments to include tourism as a priority in recovery plans and
actions;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, Presidential Proclamation No. 894, issued in
1996, declared the last week of September of every year as National Tourism Week to
coincide with the commemoration of World Tourism Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,
that the House of Representatives of the Philippines, on the occasion of National
Tourism Week and World Tourism Day, expresses its full support for the tourism
sector, and its solidarity with the UNWTO in prioritizing tourism in the design and
implementation of economic recovery plans and programs.

Adopted,