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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

RESOLUTION URGING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE AID, RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION, LIVELIHOOD, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION, AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE TO IMMEDIATELY CALL THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC) FOR A HOUSE COMMITTEE BRIEFING TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE THE NEEDS OF THE AFFECTED LOCALITIES AND THE TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CALAMITY.
WHEREAS, on January 12, 2020, Taal Volcano began erupting and has continued to be on Alert Level 4 to date;

WHEREAS, the recent update from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that the said eruption has already affected fifty thousand five hundred ninety-nine (50,599) families or two hundred three thousand seven hundred sixty-three (203,763) individuals;

WHEREAS, at least half of the affected families or individuals are now residing in temporary shelters and evacuation centers in the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, and Quezon;

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WHEREAS, damages to both public and private properties and infrastructure, as well as the livelihood and the local tourism and agriculture sectors, among others, have already reached billions of pesos;

WHEREAS, said damages may still increase as the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology’s (PHIVOLCS) alert on an imminent hazardous eruption has remained and no final damage assessment has been done to date;

WHEREAS, even as the threats and uncertainties of the Taal volcanic eruption continue, the national government should hasten the release of funds intended for development and social programs and services to assist the affected individuals or families and the localities in returning to normalcy;

WHEREAS, said funds appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2020 General Appropriations Act include the Calamity Fund or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund and the appropriations for development and social programs and services of various national government agencies such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Tourism, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, among others: Now, therefore, be it

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Adopted,

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Speaker

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