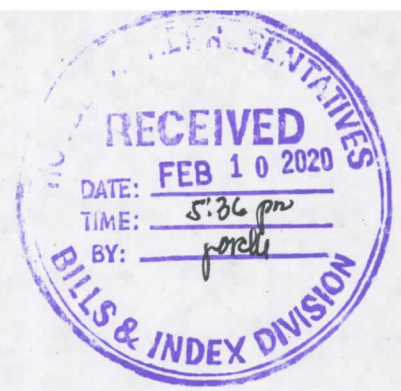


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**Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING ALL MAJOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS TO INSTALL THERMAL SCANNERS IN ORDER TO DETECT ANY POTENTIAL CARRIER OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (nCoV)**

WHEREAS, early December 2019, a mysterious and novel strain of coronavirus was discovered in the city of Wuhan in Central China, as an emerging cluster of people with pneumonia of unknown cause linked primarily to workers at the Huanan Seafood Market in said city were confirmed infected;

WHEREAS, as of February 7, 2020, the Department of Health (DOH) confirmed that there are already three (3) persons in the country who were afflicted by the nCoV, and that there are 155 persons under investigation whose test results are pending;

WHEREAS, as of February 10, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that there are already 40,553 confirmed cases and 910 deaths from the nCoV outbreak globally;

WHEREAS, as of writing, the death toll from nCoV is now higher than Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which killed 774 individuals worldwide;

WHEREAS, while the mortality rate of nCoV seems to be lower than that of SARS, considering that there are much more mild cases than that of severe cases, it is still important to improve the detection measures of all the major public and private establishments in the Philippines in order to prevent the further spread of said infectious disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge all major public and private establishments to install thermal scanners in order to detect any potential carrier of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

**ADOPTED,**

  
**PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO**