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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1249



Introduced by REP. MANUEL ANTONIO F. ZUBIRI

A RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DIRECT THE
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS PURCHASE OF ALL
GRAIN PRODUCE OF OUR FARMERS

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte placed the supervision of the National Food Authority (NFA) under the Department of Agriculture (DA) as per Executive Order 62 series of 2018;

WHEREAS, the price of grain has been going down and has remained volatile thereby affecting farmers all over the nation;

WHEREAS, the prices of the top staple grains—palay and corn—are decreasing especially in terms of farmgate prices as stated by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in its Special Release for Week 1 of September 2020;

WHEREAS, the volatile prices of grains have been attributed to the weak market economy brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in the importation of other alternatives to our grains. In fact, a downward movement in the prices has been recorded at both wholesale and retail trades as per the PSA Special Release;

WHEREAS, the purchase of grains by the NFA will help increase and stabilize its current volatile and low prices. Such an effect will redound to the benefit of our farmers;

WHEREAS, the purchase of grains by the NFA will not only help our economically ailing farmers but also ensure the proper safe-keeping and storage of these produce;

WHEREAS, to leave our farmers to themselves will only result in additional hunger and malnutrition already prevalent in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, purchase of grains by the NFA only compliments its mandate of integrating growth and development of the entire food industry;

WHEREAS, purchase of grains will prevent wastage in this trying economic times thereby ensuring our grain reserves;

WHEREAS, to promote food security for all sectors of society, a stable food price is necessary;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes the important role of farmers and stand by them in this health-wise and economically hard times through the promotion and consumption by the government and local markets of their own produce to cushion the blows of the combined hardships brought about by the pandemic and the rise in importation of grain alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved that the House of Representatives urges the Department of Agriculture to direct the National Food Authority to increase its purchase of all grain produce of our farmers.

Adopted,


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