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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ZAMBOANGA CITY IMPOUNDING DAM  
PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE PRIORITY PROJECT LISTING OF THE  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 the World Bank thru the Japanese Government commissioned a study on "Water Resources Development Plans for Selected Major Cities" with the inclusion of the City of Zamboanga;

**WHEREAS**, the said study identified that the City of Zamboanga as water-constrained and that the water demand until 2025 is highest in the City of Zamboanga, among the cities selected, driven by the high increase of population, service coverage ratio of the public water system and high growth of industrial water demand;

**WHEREAS**, the World Bank in its study suggested a reservoir-type dam to meet the water demand of the City of Zamboanga;

**WHEREAS**, the ZCWD is cognizant that increasing water security is a development imperative for inclusive growth in the City of Zamboanga and to achieve this, a legacy project designed to squarely deal with climate change-induced prolonged drought and water shortage, is an impounding dam;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed impounding dam is a climate-resilient project that will ensure the availability of adequate and reliable water resources of internationally-acceptable quality, and underpin water service provision for all social and economic activity in a manner that is environmentally sustainable;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Zamboanga suffered heavily from the effects of 2015-2016 El Niño, the worst that the City has experienced, with pronounced water shortages and outbreak of acute gastroenteritis and other water-borne diseases; and millions of pesos in damages in the agriculture sector;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Zamboanga continues to experience 2 to 4 hours a day power outages during El Niño-induced prolonged droughts when the supply from power generators cannot meet the growing demand of the City;

**WHEREAS**, the Zamboanga City Water District (ZCWD) is a recipient of technical assistance from the USAID Be Secure (Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability for the conduct of a Pre-Feasibility Study for the Zamboanga City Impounding Dam Project;


**WHEREAS**, the USAID Be Secure awarded the conduct of a 4-month Pre-FS for the Zamboanga City Impounding Dam Project to Royal Haskoning DHV, an independent international, non-listed engineering and project management consultancy firm with headquarters in Amersfoort, Netherlands;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Development Council (RDC) IX in its 151<sup>st</sup> Meeting passed Resolution No. 046, series of 2015 approving the Inclusion of the Proposed Establishment of a Water Impounding Dam at the Pulong Bato Area in Zamboanga City to the Second Batch of the Zamboanga Peninsula Priority Programs and Projects for Resource Mobilization;

**WHEREAS**, aside from addressing the water shortage and mitigate the effects of climate change in the City of Zamboanga, the proposed project will also provide such benefits as year-round irrigation and hydroelectric power to the City of Zamboanga;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved, for the House of Representatives to urge the National Economic and Development Authority to support the Proposed Zamboanga City Impounding Dam Project and to include it in the priority project listing of the National Government.

*Adopted,*

  
**CELSO L. LOBREGAT**  
Representative  
Zamboanga City, 1<sup>st</sup> District