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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 398

Introduced by Representatives Fidel Nograles, Sarah Elago and Lito Atienza

**A RESOLUTION URGING ALL LEGISLATORS FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ADOPT AND ALIGN THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN THE BILLS CRAFTED IN
THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS.**

WHEREAS, in 2015, all United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is a post-2015 global development agenda built on the major advancements and improvements of the Millennium Development Goals;

WHEREAS, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development serves as the global blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all;

WHEREAS, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): (1) eradicating poverty; (2) eliminating hunger; (3) promoting good health and well-being; (4) providing access to quality education; (5) promoting gender equality; (6) ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; (7) guaranteeing access to affordable and clean energy; (8) providing decent work and economic growth; (9) building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation; (10) reducing inequality; (11) establishing sustainable cities and communities; (12) promoting responsible consumption and production; (13) taking urgent action to combat climate change; (14) conserving life under water; (15) conserving life on land; (16) promoting peace and justice and building strong institutions; and (17) ensuring partnerships to achieve the goals;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as one of the countries that adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is committed to integrate the SDGs into national development plans and policies;

WHEREAS, national legislation and support is needed to achieve the targets and indicators of each of the 17 SDGs, as this sets a common framework for government offices and institutions to pattern their programs and projects integrally;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to consistently monitor the performance of the Philippines to ensure that we are on track in accomplishing the SDGs by the year 2030, and to align our country's roadmap of legislations and programs, including the Philippine Development Plan 2017- 2022, with the principles of sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the **House of Representatives** to ensure that adequate policies, strategies, and actions consistent with the principles of sustainable development are crafted and implemented to develop the desired future we want for our country;

WHEREAS, the 18th Congress recognizes the efforts of the 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines Inc. and Impact Hub for urging this Congress to adopt the SDGs by including these goals in all our bills;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives support the adoption of this resolution in the 18th Congress.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the **House of Representatives** will:

- a) Enact urgent legislation for the 17 SDGs, covering plans, programs, policies, and lead and supporting implementing agencies, each with appropriate timeline considering the 2030 deadline;
- b) Call for a committee hearing or hearings inviting the lead and data source agencies to update the Congress of the status of the SDG indicators covered by the Philippines;
- c) Dedicate at least one congressional hearing on SDGs alone per regular session of the 18th Congress (not just for sustainable development per se);
- d) Enact legislation prioritizing progress on SDG indicators and targets in need of urgent action as indicated by data, reports, and recommendations from PSA and NEDA;
- e) Encourage the incentivization of the inclusion of components of SDGs in the housekeeping of local government units and performance-based bonuses for national government agencies; and
- f) Include the youth sector in advancing the SDGs.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all national plans, policies, and programs be patterned after the SDGs for purposes of a common framework for sustainable development, not just among Philippine government agencies and units, but to encourage and welcome collaboration with foreign governments and local and international youth and civil society organizations.

Adopted,

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