Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Philippines  

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session  

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 512  

Introduced by REP. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA, JR.  

RESOLUTION  
TO A DRUG-FREE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND STRONGLY URGING ITS MEMBERS  
TO VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO A RANDOM DRUG TEST  
AND SHOW ITS COMMITMENT TO THE  
WAR ON ILLEGAL DRUGS  
AND TO FULFILL ITS CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE  
THAT PUBLIC OFFICE IS A PUBLIC TRUST  

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one with the world in its deep  
care with the threat of illegal drug use, trafficking, production  
and consumption that ail and threaten the health of its citizens,  
governance and stability as a nation.  

WHEREAS, since 2018, Executive Order No. 66 otherwise known  
as "Institutionalizing the Philippine Anti-Ilegal Drugs Strategy" has  
been enacted wherein it recognizes that the "proliferation of  
prohibited drugs and their precursors is a serious national concern,  
ecompassing social, economic, psychological and economic  
interests, which necessitates the active and unified involvement of  
various government and non-government agencies"  

WHEREAS, as stated in the Executive Order No. 66, "the 2009  
Political Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the United  
Nations (UN) Commission on Narcotic Drugs provides that UN  
Member States are fully aware that the drug problem remains a  
common and shared responsibility that requires effective and  
increased international cooperation."  

WHEREAS, although the House of Representatives as a co-  
equal branch of government is not covered by Executive Order No.
66, it has the common and shared responsibility to the drug problem with the Executive Branch.

WHEREAS, by ensuring a drug-free House of Representatives and by the voluntary submission of its members to a drug test, it displays its commitment to the common and shared responsibility to the drug problem.

WHEREAS, ensuring a drug-free House of Representatives and the voluntary submission to a drug test are consistent with its constitutional mandate that "Public office is a public trust".

WHEREAS, by submitting to a drug test, the House of Representatives is signifying and assuring its constituents that it is free from the influence of illegal drugs and that, it is fulfilling its declared principle and policy that it is accountable to the people at all times and that it is performing its legislative mandate with utmost competence, efficiency, effectiveness, integrity and fidelity to the people’s welfare as stated in its House Rules’ Declaration of Principles and Policies.

WHEREAS, when the members of the House ran for public office and were subsequently elected, they have been subjected during the campaign period to unwavering inspection by the public and the press, thus, the submission to random voluntary drug testing is a small price to pay to give up so much of their privacy in the exercise of their job as public servants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the House of Representatives must ensure that it is drug-free and to urge its members to voluntarily submit to random drug testing.

Upon approval of this Resolution by a majority of the members of the House of Representatives, it is earnestly requested that Speaker Alan Peter S. Cayetano to issue the pertinent rules and regulations regarding the conduct and manner of the random voluntary drug testing to ensure the integrity and reliability of the results.

Members of the House of Representatives who are in conformity to this Resolution must send an official communication to the Office of the Speaker indicating his willingness to submit himself to random voluntary drug testing with a waiver of any of his constitutional rights which may have been affected by the random drug testing.
Done this 11th day of November, 2019 at Quezon City, Philippines.


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