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RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE COMPASSION, SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT AND
EMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
INJURED, DISPLACED AND BEREAVED VICTIMS OF TYPHOON
URSULA**

WHEREAS, on December 24 to 25 Typhoon Ursula, the twenty-first and last tropical cyclone for 2019, pummeled the country and made a total of seven devastating landfalls in Salcedo, Eastern Samar; Tacloban City, Leyte; Cabucgayan, Biliran; Gigantes Islands, Carles, Iloilo; Ibajay, Aklan; Semirara Island, Caluya, Antique; and Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, after the inundation caused by Typhoon Tisoy, the onslaught of Typhoon Ursula triggered heavy flooding, downed communication and power lines, and disrupted land, sea and air travels to and from the Visayas and some parts of Luzon during the Christmas eve and Christmas day;

WHEREAS, Typhoon Ursula affected 594,981 families, left 50 people dead and compelled 20,209 families to spend Christmas and New Year in evacuation centers, aggravated with problems of electric power outages, uncollected garbage and acutely insufficient food, water and basic necessities;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Typhoon Ursula, local government units in the most affected areas declared a state of calamity to enable local officials to fully address recovery efforts and clearing operations in tandem with the local police forces, military troops and medical teams;

WHEREAS, in the spirit of unity and resilience, when leadership towards rebuilding and rising above the disastrous effects of a natural catastrophe is most needed, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte spearheaded the provision of aid to the victims of Typhoon Ursula, together with the Office of the Civil Defense which offered the use of its air facilities; the Department of Social Welfare and Development which provided family food packs and relief items in the affected areas; the Department of Health which distributed basic medicines and conducted medical consultations; and the Department of Information and Communications which worked on the restoration of telecommunication services in the areas that were experiencing power interruptions and outages;

WHEREAS, several non-government organizations, private individuals and relief workers also worked hand in hand to show our countrymen and the world that we are one in uplifting the spirit, giving hope and strengthening the faith of the victims in the face of a seemingly insurmountable misfortune and devastation: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express the compassion, solidarity, support and empathy of the House of Representatives for the injured, displaced and bereaved victims of Typhoon Ursula.

Adopted,



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