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INTRODUCED BY SENATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN M. DRILON

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SENATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN DECEMBER 2013

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 55 declared December of every year as the National Volunteer Month in order to raise national awareness of the role volunteerism plays in shaping the social, economic and political landscape of the country, to create an environment that is conducive to volunteerism in our society, and to give due recognition to volunteers who selflessly devoted time and effort in serving others;

WHEREAS, this year's observance of the National Volunteer Month centers on the role of volunteers in our battle against the spread of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the country, and accordingly adopts the theme, "Volunteer for the Millennium Development Goals: Combat HIV and AIDS";

WHEREAS, the number of reported cases in the country involving these diseases that compromise the human immune system for the last six years has shown a steep rise— from less than one case reported per day in 2006 to fifteen cases per day in 2013;

WHEREAS, the drastic increase in the statistics on HIV and AIDS infections in the country has merited the attention of the government which has been taking aggressive measures to stifle the growth of said numbers, such as identifying the fight against these diseases as one of our Millennium Development Goals and initiating activities consistent with this goal;

WHEREAS, recognizing the power of volunteerism in attaining the collective aspirations of the people, the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the National Volunteer Month in December 2013, and encourages all stakeholders, whether in the public or private arena, to take part in the activities organized by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency consistent with the theme for this year's commemoration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the National Volunteer Month in December 2013, and encouraging all public

and private stakeholders to take part in the activities set by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency consistent with the theme: "Volunteer for the Millennium Development Goals: Combat HIV and AIDS."

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON