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**RESOLUTION  
CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION  
TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21 states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in August 1994;

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement (Agreement) was signed on 22 April 2016 in New York;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement aims to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides that developed countries shall continue their obligations under the UNFCCC to provide financial assistance to developing countries with respect to both climate change mitigation and adaptation;

**WHEREAS**, under the Agreement, emissions reduction or programs for adaptation are nationally-determined and voluntary;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on 28 February 2017 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the following government agencies and instrumentalities endorsed the concurrence to the accession of the Agreement with their respective positions:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of environment and Natural Resources

3. Department of Energy
4. Department of Science and Technology
5. Department of Justice
6. Department of National Defense
7. Department of Health
8. Department of Education
9. Department of Agriculture
10. Department of Social Welfare and Development
11. Department of Agrarian Reform
12. Department of Finance
13. Department of Labor and Employment
14. Department of Public Works and Highways
15. Department of Transportation
16. Department of Budget and Management
17. Department of Interior and Local Government
18. Climate Change Commission
19. National Economic and Development Authority
20. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
21. Philippine Commission on Women
22. Metro Manila Development Authority
23. Landbank of the Philippines
24. National Youth Commission

**WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine accession to the *Paris Agreement*.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that the president of the Philippines may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of the Senate, withdraw from the Agreement.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

*Chair*

Subcommittee on the Paris Agreement



**ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO**

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