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Introduced by Senator **JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTATION AND NON-COMPLETION OF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITH THE END VIEW OF REVIEWING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM AND TIMELINE RELATIVE TO FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, under the General Appropriations Act of 2017, one of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) organizational objective is to develop disaster resilient communities by reducing the impact of typhoons and climate change through the development of integrated water resources management program for 18 major river basins and other critical principal rivers including cities and urban areas that are highly vulnerable to flooding.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) mandated by its charter, Republic Act No. 7924 to formulate and implement policies, standards, programs and projects for an integrated flood control, drainage and sewerage system.

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year 2017, the DPWH has been given P72,926,249,000.00 as capital outlay for its Flood Management Services whereas, the MMDA, received the amount of P264,428,000.00 for its Flood Control and Sewerage Management Services net of Personnel Services. In addition, the government has been granted \$500 million for the Metro Manila Flood Management Project.

WHEREAS, there have been allegations that despite the availability of funding for the flood control projects, the DPWH and MMDA delayed or failed the implementation of the planned flood control projects.

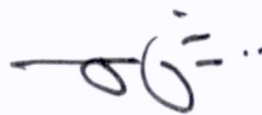
WHEREAS, according to news reports, the Commission on Audit (COA) found that Php 178.88 million worth of projects were either not implemented or not completed within the specific contract time by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, due to inadequate planning and absence of coordination mechanism with the Department of Public Works and Highways. (DPWH)

WHEREAS, there had been no adequate planning done by the authority to address the inefficient implementation of programs/projects as it was noted that the percentage of projects that incurred delays have continuously increased from 31 percent in 2014, to 49 percent in 2015, and 69 percent in 2016 for MMDA.

WHEREAS, flooding has been consistently a bane in the cities of Metro Manila, hence, for this reason there is an urgent need to address these issues as soon as possible to be able to fast-track and resolve the delayed projects to ensure the safety of those who are located in flood-prone areas in the Metropolis, especially now that the rainy season is already approaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved, directing the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported delays in implementation and non-completion of Flood Control Projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority with the end view of reviewing the government's program and timeline relative to Flood Control Projects.

Adopted,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO