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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI CITY REHABILITATION TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PLANS AND RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS FOR MARAWI CITY, PARTICULARLY ON MATTERS RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AS WELL AS THE CASE OF "BAKWITS" OR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE TASK FORCE BANGON MARAWI, WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER ON ITS COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZE THE POST-DISASTER RECOVERY OF MARAWI CITY**

**WHEREAS**, on 23 May 2017, government troops raided a safe house in the village of Basak Malutlut in Marawi City to capture Southeast Asia Islamic State (ISIS) emir and Abu Sayyaf subleader Isnilon Hapilon. However, they were met with heavy gunfire. Hapilon escaped and his so called Maute group, led by brothers Omar and Abdullah Maute, began attacking and occupying strategic locations in the city. President Rodrigo Duterte placed the entire Mindanao under Martial Law.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, after five months of armed conflict, on 16 October 2017, Hapilon and Omar Maute were killed by government troops in a military assault. The following day, President Duterte announced that Marawi has been liberated from the terrorist group.<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, while the siege has officially ended, it left Marawi a devastated city with over 1,000 casualties, 77,900 families or 367,990 individuals displaced, in the aftermath of the massive destruction of public and private property.<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, a month into the siege, on June 28, 2017, Task Force Bangon Marawi was created through Administrative Order No. 3, an inter-agency task force that is directed to spearhead the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rappler. (23 October 2017). *MARAWI: 153 DAYS AND MORE*. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/in-depth/186075-marawi-series-rappler-timeline>

<sup>2</sup> ABS-CBN. (17 October 2017). *TIMELINE: The Battle for Marawi*. Retrieved from <http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/10/17/17/timeline-the-battle-for-marawi>

<sup>3</sup> Amnesty International. (17 November 2017). *Philippines: 'Battle of Marawi' leaves trail of death and destruction*. Retrieved from <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2017/11/philippines-battle-of-marawi-leaves-trail-of-death-and-destruction/>

<sup>4</sup> Placido, D. (3 July 2017). *Duterte orders creation of 'Task Force Bangon Marawi*. Retrieved from <http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/07/03/17/duterte-orders-creation-of-task-force-bangon-marawi>

**WHEREAS**, the Senate, on its part, adopted **Senate Resolution No. 57** on 9 August 2017 creating a Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation to study, review, assess, examine, investigate and inquire into the extent of damage, the construction and rehabilitation costs, and post-disaster recovery of Marawi City.<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, more than six months after the siege, Task Force Bangon Marawi has yet to release a comprehensive report tackling the progress of the government's recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction plans, addressing the urgent concern of internally displaced persons, and detailing the required redevelopment of human capital which includes provision of secure shelter, sustainable livelihood and social and moral assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippines Senate, to direct the Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation to look into, in aid of legislation, the status of the reconstruction plans and relief and rehabilitation efforts for Marawi City, particularly on matters relating to provision of sustainable livelihood as well as the case of "*Bakwits*" or internally displaced persons, with the end in view of ensuring that the government, through the Task Force Bangon Marawi, will be able to deliver on its commitment to prioritize the post-disaster recovery of Marawi City.

*Adopted,*

  
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<sup>5</sup> Senate of the Philippines. (9 August 2017). *Adopted Resolution No. 57*. Retrieved from [https://www.senate.gov.ph/17th\\_congress/resolutions/resno57.pdf](https://www.senate.gov.ph/17th_congress/resolutions/resno57.pdf)