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**RESOLUTION
REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS
OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

1 WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that “[t]he
2 State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human
3 rights”;

4 WHEREAS, Section 2 of the same Article provides, in part, that the State shall
5 adopt the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the
6 land;

7 WHEREAS, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was
8 adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in Paris;

9 WHEREAS, two (2) years later, the Assembly passed a resolution designating
10 10 December of each year as International Human Rights Day to commemorate the
11 day the UDHR was adopted;

12 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9201, otherwise known as the “National Human
13 Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002”, also declares December 4 to 10 as National
14 Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country, which aims to “make the people
15 aware of their basic human rights in relation to the functions and services offered by
16 these government instrumentalities” and propagate “human rights culture that aims
17 at sustainable development in the country” in learning institutions;

1 WHEREAS, it is also this year that world is celebrating the 20th anniversary of
2 the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (HRDs), which provides for the support
3 and protection of human rights defenders in the context of their work¹;

4 WHEREAS, as one of the 48 State Parties to the UDHR, the Philippines has an
5 obligation to respect by refraining from interfering with or curtailing the enjoyment of
6 human rights, to protect individuals and groups against human rights abuses, and to
7 fulfill by taking positive action to facilitate the enjoyment of basic human rights²;

8 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has been faithfully affirming and supporting
9 the principles and rights provided under the two Declarations, as embodied in its
10 legislative work and legacies throughout the years;

11 WHEREAS, the rights enshrined in the UDHR uphold the same basic liberties
12 and the same freedoms provided under our Constitution, particularly in the Bill of
13 Rights;

14 WHEREAS, in consonance with our state obligation towards fulfillment
15 through positive action, the Senators of the Seventeenth Congress have been at the
16 forefront of promoting human rights through filing, passage, and adoption of key
17 rights-based legislative measures;

18 WHEREAS, members of the Philippine Senate commit to continue performing
19 their constitutional duty to craft and prioritize legislative enactments which will affirm
20 and promote the principles and values of the UDHR and the Declaration on HRDs;

21 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that
22 the Philippine Senate celebrates with the rest of the world the 70th anniversary of the
23 Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the 20th anniversary of the Declaration
24 on Human Rights Defenders, and affirms its commitment to the values and principles
25 enshrined in those two (2) significant instruments.

Adopted,


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¹ Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. Retrieved from
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/srhdefenders/pages/declaration.aspx>

² United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights. Retrieved from
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/pages/whatarehumanrights.aspx>



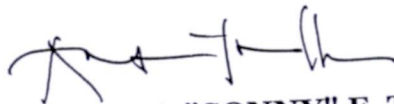
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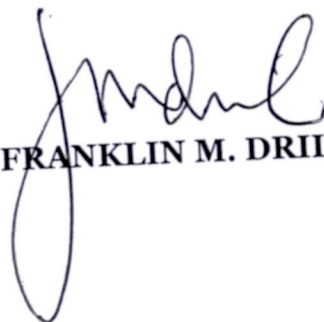
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