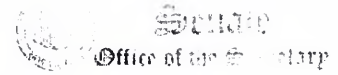


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE FOR HIS STELLAR AND INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE NATION AS THE 16TH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

1 WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte was inaugurated on June 30, 2016
2 as the 16th President of the Republic of the Philippines after winning the 2016
3 Presidential Election, garnering 16,601,997 votes¹;

4 WHEREAS, being the first President to hail from Mindanao, President Duterte
5 bestowed upon the nation his vast experience in governance after serving
6 meritoriously as Mayor of the City of Davao for 22 years since 1988, as well as serving
7 as Representative of the city in Congress, which catapulted the local government to
8 become one of the most developed and most competitive cities in the country and in
9 the Southeast Asia region;

10 WHEREAS, President Duterte's administration is best remembered and lauded
11 for being true to its promise that "change is coming" by instituting transformational
12 reforms in the entire bureaucracy and placing lasting mechanisms in each sector to
13 improve the delivery of public services to benefit all Filipinos;

¹ CNN Philippines, "Official Count: Duterte Is New President, Robredo Is Vice President," CNN, May 27, 2016, <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2016/05/27/official-count-duterte-president-robredo-vp.html>.

1 WHEREAS, one of the momentous achievements of the Duterte administration
2 is the drastic reduction of criminality over the past 6 years which is 71% lower
3 compared to the time President Duterte assumed office in 2016.² As an epitome of a
4 leader championing peace and order, his drive to eradicate crimes is deeply rooted in
5 his astounding performance as a local chief executive that assured security in the local
6 government level. His earnest desire for lasting peace and order is manifested in his
7 serious campaign to eliminate the proliferation and use of illegal drugs in the country
8 which led to the apprehension of drug syndicates and rehabilitation of victimized drug
9 users;

10 WHEREAS, despite the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic taking during his term,
11 President Duterte's able and proactive leadership shepherded the nation throughout
12 the health crisis and instituted policies for the Filipino people to regain their feet.
13 Through his swift coordination with the Legislature, extensive measures were enacted
14 to address the pandemic and its health and economic impacts, such as the "Bayanihan
15 to Heal as One Act", "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act", and the "COVID-19
16 Vaccination Program Act", among others. The mechanisms placed for the
17 implementation of his sound health policies continues to safeguard many Filipinos;

18 WHEREAS, a visionary that continually dreams that the country, through
19 persistence, grit and determination, will one day be at par with highly developed
20 nations, President Duterte ushered the Filipino people to an unprecedented golden
21 age of infrastructure. Through the institution of the Build, Build, Build Program under
22 his leadership, big-ticket flagship infrastructure projects that are greatly beneficial to
23 all Filipinos but were previously stuck in the pipeline such as: Mega Manila Subway,
24 LRT 1 South (Cavite) Extension Project, LRT Line 2 (Masinag) Extension Project, MRT
25 7, NLEX-SLEX Connector Road, Cavite-Laguna Expressway, New Clark City, Clark
26 International Airport Expansion Project, Metro Cebu Expressway, Mactan-Cebu
27 International Airport Project, East-West Lateral Road in Mindanao, have already
28 commenced in construction or are already finished and are now transforming the

² Christopher Lloyd Caliwan, "PNP Logs 14% Drop in Ph Focus Crimes in 2021," Philippine News Agency (Philippine News Agency, January 28, 2022), <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1166558>.

1 landscape of infrastructure development in the country.³ Infrastructure spending
2 during his presidency is at 5.9% of the Gross Domestic Product⁴ which translates to
3 millions of job opportunities for Filipino people;

4 WHEREAS, under his tutelage, tax reforms favorable to the common Filipino
5 were legislated. Through the enactment of Republic Act No. 10963 or the "Tax Reform
6 for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law", lowered income tax of individuals
7 resulted in a bigger net pay. He also assured the passage of Republic Act No. 11534
8 or the "Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act" which
9 lowers the corporate income tax from 30% to 25% and to be reduced further annually
10 by 1% until it eventually reaches 20%. These tax reforms will provide more flexibility
11 to Filipinos through additional purchasing power;

12 WHEREAS, a true leader that possess the political will to effect transformation
13 changes, President Duterte espoused that a healthy environment is the foundation for
14 economic and social development. During his tenure, President Duterte's commitment
15 to conserve and protect the environment is exhibited in the long overdue rehabilitation
16 of Manila Bay which resulted in improved water quality and in the rehabilitation of
17 Boracay Island that restored it in its pristine condition;

18 WHEREAS, true to his promise that he will suppress corruption in government,
19 President Duterte signed Executive Order No. 2, s. 2016 that operationalized in the
20 Executive Branch the state policies of full public disclosure and transparency in public
21 service and instituted a Citizens' Complaint Center to receive reports of corruption in
22 the government. President Duterte assured that Filipinos are given a medium to be
23 acknowledged especially those that concerns anomalies in the bureaucracy;

24 WHEREAS, a fervent and passionate advocate of transparency and efficiency
25 in the delivery of public services through government transactions, President Duterte
26 strongly supported and prioritized the enactment of Republic Act No. 11032 or the

³ "Build Build Build Projects," Philippine Infrastructure Transparency Portal, accessed June 29, 2022, <http://www.build.gov.ph/home/projects>.

⁴ GMA News TED CORDERO, "DPWH: 12 out of 119 Build, Build, Build Projects Completed," GMA News Online (GMA News Online, April 27, 2022), <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/money/economy/829909/dpwh-12-out-of-119-build-build-build-projects-completed/story/>.

1 "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018" that
2 aims to abolish bureaucratic red tapes and promote swifter and more efficient
3 government services;

4 WHEREAS, grateful to and appreciative of the civil servants who stand as the
5 backbone of government in its delivery of public services, President Duterte pushed
6 for the passage of Republic Act No. 11466 or the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019",
7 which uplifted the value of the country's civil service by granting them increase in
8 compensation commensurate to the skills and abilities they render to the government;

9 WHEREAS; cognizant of the plight of different sectors of the society, President
10 Duterte pushed for measures that include the creation of different Departments to
11 cater to the needs of different sectors. With his unwavering respect and support to
12 overseas Filipinos, he pushed for the enactment of Republic Act No. 11641 or the
13 "Department of Migrant Workers Act", which consolidates all government agencies
14 concerning overseas Filipinos under one department. He also strongly advocated for
15 the passage of Republic Act No. 11201 that created the Department of Human
16 Settlements and Urban Development to better address the needs of Filipinos in need
17 of decent shelters;

18 WHEREAS, President Duterte worked excellently with the Congress to attain
19 the passage of his legislative priorities that include: Amended Public Service Act,
20 Revised Corporation Code, Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act, Foundling Recognition
21 and Protection Act, Extended Validity of Philippine Passport, and Universal Health Care
22 Act, among others;

23 WHEREAS, the long list of gains of the government and the nation through the
24 unparalleled leadership of will have a lasting impact to the lives of every Filipino. His
25 selfless service is worth emulating, and shall serve as a standard for the next
26 generation of leaders of the country;

27 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express
28 profound gratitude and appreciation of the Senate of the Philippines to His Excellency

- 1 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his stellar and invaluable service to the nation as
- 2 the 16th President of the Republic of the Philippines.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.