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RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX DISEASE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND HOLISTIC GOVERNMENTAL APPROACH

1 WHEREAS, the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention describes the
2 Monkeypox Disease as a rare kind of infection caused by a virus belonging to the
3 family of viruses that also causes smallpox;¹

4 WHEREAS, the first recorded case of Monkeypox in humans was in 1970. Cases
5 were usually in Central and Western African countries;²

6 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization considers the Monkeypox as a
7 disease of global health importance³ and a public health emergency of international
8 concern;

9 WHEREAS, recently, the Philippines has detected its first case of Monkeypox.
10 "The case is a 31-year-old Filipino national who arrived from abroad last July 19. The
11 case had prior travel to countries with documented Monkeypox cases. The case was
12 tested and confirmed positive for Monkeypox via Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase
13 Chain Reaction or RT-PCR, done at the DOH Research Institute for Tropical Medicine

¹ About Monkeypox. Accessed: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/about.html>

² *Ibid.*

³ 2022, May 19. Monkeypox. Accessed: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/monkeypox>

1 (RITM) on July 28";⁴

2 WHEREAS, there is also a reported case of a 31-year old Filipino who tested
3 positive in Singapore;⁵

4 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we implement a more comprehensive and
5 holistic approach in addressing and combatting the spread of the Monkeypox disease;

6 WHEREAS, a Task Force may be helpful in planning and implementing a more
7 organized and objective strategy towards preventing an uncontrollable and
8 unmanageable spread of the disease;

9 WHEREAS, in our efforts to comply with our responsibilities under the
10 Constitution that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people
11 and instill health consciousness among them," all means should be exhausted to
12 effectively and efficiently address this disease;

13 WHEREAS, it is vital that we arrest the threat before it becomes of such
14 magnitude that it is already beyond control. We have to learn from the past, and use
15 to our advantage the lessons of this recent COVID-19 pandemic which we are still
16 experiencing now;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to
18 recommend the creation of a task force to address and combat the spread of
19 Monkeypox disease with the end in view of a more comprehensive and holistic
20 governmental approach.

Adopted,


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⁴ DOH Detects First Confirmed Case of Monkeypox in the Philippines. Accessed: https://doh.gov.ph/press-release/DOH_DETECTS_FIRST_CONFIRMED_CASE_OF_MONKEYPOX_IN_THE_PHILIPPINES

⁵ 31 July 2022. Sarao, Z. Filipino tests positive for Monkeypox in Singapore. Inquirer.net accessed: <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/205657/filipino-tests-positive-for-monkeypox-in-singapore>