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SENATE
P.S. Resolution No. 185

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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE NUMEROUS ALARMING
REPORTS OF ABUSE, KIDNAPPING, DISAPPEARANCES, AND KILLING OF
WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "*the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights*";

WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Magna Carta for Women mandates that the State shall ensure that all women shall be protected from all forms of violence;

WHEREAS, Section 267 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, penalizes kidnapping and serious illegal detention and provides that "any private individual who shall kidnap or detain another, or in any other manner deprive him of his liberty, shall suffer the penalty of reclusion perpetua to death: (1) if the kidnapping or detention shall have lasted more than five days, (2) if it shall have been committed simulating public authority, (3) if any serious physical injuries shall have been inflicted upon the person kidnapped or detained, or if threats to kill him shall have been made, and (4) if the person kidnapped or detained shall be a minor, female or a public officer;

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 National Demographic Health Survey Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), one (1) in four (4) Filipino women, aged 15 to 49, has experienced physical, emotional, or sexual violence from their husband or partner;

WHEREAS, the PSA also reported an increase in cases of rape from 1,656 in 2018 to 2,168 in 2020. At the height of the COVID-19 lockdowns, from March to May 2020, the government recorded an average of eight (8) victim-survivors of sexual

assault every day and a threefold increase in tips reporting online sexual exploitation of children;

WHEREAS, in 2022, abuses, abductions, disappearances, and killings of women are still rampant throughout the country;

WHEREAS, on 18 March 2022, actress Ana Jalandoni was rescued by police after receiving a call from a hotel in Tagaytay that she was detained and injured by her partner;

WHEREAS, on 2 July 2022, Princess Dianne Dayor went missing and on 5 July 2022, her lifeless body was found in a grassy area in the town of Guiguinto, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, on 05 August 2022, Jovelyn Galleno, 22-year-old working student from Puerto Princesa, Palawan, went missing after visiting a mall and was found dead on 23 August 2022;

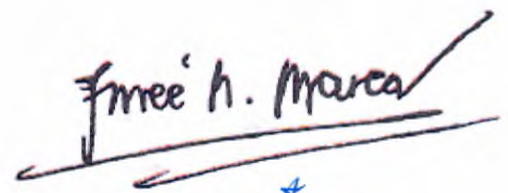
WHEREAS, on 12 August 2022, a 15-year-old bike enthusiast, Princess Marie Dumantay was found on a grassy roadside in Bustos, Bulacan, a few days after she was reported missing;

WHEREAS, last 25 August 2022, the Philippine National Police (PNP) assured the public that the recent cases of abduction of women are unconnected as there is no pattern which links the crimes. PNP Chief PGen. Rodolfo Azurin Jr. also stated that more police officers will be deployed to conduct patrols in crime-prone areas and around schools amid the start of in-person classes;

WHEREAS, with the alarming number of incidents of abuse, kidnapping, disappearances, and killing of women in the country, there is a need to determine whether the laws, rules, and regulations enacted and promulgated for the protection of women and children are being properly implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, directing the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the numerous alarming reports of abuse, kidnapping, disappearances, and killing of women in the country.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Imee R. Marcos". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

IMEE R. MARCOS