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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM OF FIVE MEMBERS OF BULACAN PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING THE ONSLAUGHT OF SUPER TYPHOON "KARDING" AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES

WHEREAS, on 22 September 2022, the Low Pressure Area east of Central Luzon developed into Tropical Depression "Karding" which intensified into a Tropical Storm. On 25 September 2022, "Karding" reached Super Typhoon Category after a period of explosive intensification moving Westward at 20 km/h, with its center estimated to be 230 km east of Infanta, Quezon. It made landfall in Burdeos and General Nakar in Quezon Province and Dingalan in the Province of Aurora;¹

WHEREAS, Super Typhoon "Karding" brought torrential rains and fierce winds in Central Luzon, and also affected parts of Northern and Southern Luzon, and left some areas submerged in flood. Among the provinces in Central Luzon worst hit by the super typhoon is Bulacan, where several areas experienced rising floodwaters as a result of heavy rains and the high tide;²

WHEREAS, on 26 September 2022, during the onslaught of Super Typhoon "Karding" in Barangay Kamias, San Miguel town in Bulacan, five rescuers who are members of the Bulacan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) became casualties of a flash flood. The unfortunate incident was confirmed by Assistant Secretary Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV, Spokesperson of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on even date;³

WHEREAS, the five rescuers from Bulacan PDRRMO who died in the line of duty are George E. Agustin, 45 years old, of Ina 'O' Este, Calumpit; Troy Justin P. Agustin, 30

¹ NDRRMC, *Situational Report for TC Karding (2022) No. 3*, Published on 26 September 2022 8:00 AM, Available at https://ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/4200/Sitrep_No_3_TY_KARDING_2022.pdf (Accessed on 26 September 2022).

² ABS-CBN News, *Typhoon Karding floods Bulacan towns*, Published on 26 September 2022, Available at <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/09/26/22/typhoon-karding-floods-bulacan-towns> (Accessed on 26 September 2022).

³ Manila Bulletin, *NDRRMC confirms 5 rescuers die in Bulacan flash flood*, Published on 26 September 2022, Available at <https://mb.com.ph/2022/09/26/ndrrmc-confirms-casualties-in-bulacan-flash-flood/> (Accessed on 26 September 2022).

years old, of Sta. Rita, Guiguinto; Marby A. Bartolome, 36 years old, of Bulihan, City of Malolos; Jerson L. Resurreccion, 32 years old, of Barangay Catmon, Sta. Maria; and Narciso Calayag of Malolos City;⁴

WHEREAS, the five rescuers from Bulacan acted with incredible bravery and self-sacrifice and went above and beyond the call of duty to save the lives of others at the cost of their own. They were veteran rescuers who have also helped other local governments throughout the country in previous calamities and disasters;⁵

WHEREAS, George E. Agustin, Troy Justin P. Agustin, Marby B. Bartolome, Jerson L. Resurreccion, and Narciso Calayag, Jr. are true heroes who deserve the respect and recognition of the entire country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and honor the extraordinary heroism of five members of Bulacan Province's Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office who died in the line of duty during the onslaught of Super Typhoon "Karding" and express profound condolences and deepest sympathies of the Senate of the Philippines to the bereaved families.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁴ Manila Bulletin, *Bulacan mourns death of 5 hero rescuers*, Published on 26 September 2022, Available at <https://mb.com.ph/2022/09/26/bulacan-mourns-5-rescuers-for-their-heroism/?amp> (Accessed on 27 September 2022).

⁵ TV Patrol, *5 nasawing rescuer sa Bulacan binigyang-pugay*, Published on 26 September 2022, Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKNliMAVq6Q> (Accessed on 27 September 2022).