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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION

HONORING THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF FIVE RESCUERS FROM THE BULACAN PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PDRRMO) WHO WERE FOUND DEAD IN SAN MIGUEL, BULACAN AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES

WHEREAS, on 25 September 2022, Typhoon Karding (Noru), first made landfall as a super typhoon in Burdeos, Quezon, followed by another landfall as a typhoon in Dingalan, Aurora, in the evening. The typhoon then crossed Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, and Zambales, before emerging over Zambales' coastal waters early of 26 September 2022;

WHEREAS, typhoon Karding is the Philippines' 11th tropical cyclone for 2022, the said typhoon lashed Central Luzon with torrential rain and fierce winds while Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon were also affected. From sustained winds of 85km/h (53 mph) on 24 September, Typhoon Karding was a super typhoon just 24 hours later with sustained winds of 195km/h and gusts of up to 240km/h at its peak;

WHEREAS, as of 4:06 P.M., 26 September 2022, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said five (5) people died while six (6) were missing due to the said typhoon. NDRRMC Spokesperson, Mr. Bernardo Alejandro, said that Bulacan, Quezon, and Nueva Ecija were the hardest-hit areas;

WHEREAS, the 5 casualties were members of the Bulacan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) who were found dead in Bulacan in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Karding;

WHEREAS, Bulacan Governor Daniel Fernando identified the five rescuers from the PDRRMO as Messrs. George E. Agustin, Narciso Calayag Jr., Troy Justin P. Agustin, Jerson L. Resurreccion and Marby B. Bartolome;

WHEREAS, Gov. Fernando said that the victims were in Sitio Galas, Barangay Camias, San Miguel, Bulacan and were about to conduct a search and rescue mission, around 4 A.M., when rushing floodwater carried them away;

WHEREAS, the 5 rescuers were using a boat to help residents trapped in flood waters. However, they were hit by a collapsed wall and apparently drowned and were carried away in the rampaging waters. Gov. Fernando stated in a radio interview that, "They were living heroes who were helping save the lives of our countrymen amid this calamity. This is really very sad";

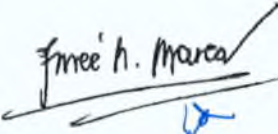
WHEREAS, at around 7 A.M., Lt. Col. Romualdo Andres, acting San Miguel Police Chief, received a report that the victims' bodies were found in Sitio Banga Banga, Barangay Camias;

WHEREAS, the incident has shown their extraordinary bravery and heroism by risking their own lives to search and rescue victims gravely affected by Typhoon Karding, which rightly deserve recognition and honor;

WHEREAS, due to the said tragic incident, the victims have left their families in anguish and grief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, honoring the bravery and heroism of five rescuers from the Bulacan PDRRMO who were found dead in San Miguel, Bulacan and expressing profound condolences and deepest sympathies of the Senate of the Philippines to the bereaved families.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS