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Introduced By Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6716, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RAINWATER AND SPRING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1989

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the State, in declaring the "provision of adequate potable water supply made conveniently available to every barangay in the country" a national policy, enacted Republic Act No. 6716, otherwise known as the *Rainwater and Spring Development Act of 1989*;

WHEREAS, the law mandates the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to "undertake construction of water wells, rainwater collectors, development of springs and rehabilitation of existing water wells in all *barangays* in the Philippines in such number as may be needed and feasible";

WHEREAS, the DPWH has not constructed wells and rainwater collectors, developed springs and rehabilitated existing water wells in all *barangays* during the last 21 years;

WHEREAS, Section 6, Executive Order No. 774, dated 26 December 2008, stressed the lead role of the DPWH in implementing efficient rainwater collection systems;

WHEREAS, in light of the worsening water crisis, where there is an urgent need for an improved management of the country's water resources and the benefits of rainwater collectors in minimizing, if not preventing, flooding and storing water in preparation for drought, the DPWH should fulfill its mandate under this 21-year old law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Department of Public Works and Highways to implement Republic Act No. 6716, otherwise known as the Rainwater and Spring Development Act of 1989.

Adopted,


LOREN LEGARDA
Senator