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Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE RESCUE WORKERS, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, UNIFORMED SERVICES, CIVIL VOLUNTEER GROUPS, AND ALL HUMANITARIAN RESPONDERS FOR PROVIDING SWIFT LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MAGNITUDE 7.8 EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK MINDANAO

1 WHEREAS, on June 08, 2026, at 7:37 a.m., a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck
2 Maasim, Sarangani Province, which caused widespread destruction across several
3 regions in Mindanao and triggered tsunami warnings in coastal areas, affecting a total
4 of 1,382,294 individuals from 337,541 families across four regions, 14 provinces, 61
5 cities and municipalities, and 512 barangays, resulting in 68 reported deaths, 1,339
6 injuries, and 33 missing persons; and causing significant damage to public and private
7 properties estimated at P1.13 billion as of June 16, 2026, including 67,990 damaged
8 houses, 774 damaged infrastructure, 135 affected road sections, 41 bridge sections,
9 five seaports, and one airport, thereby disrupting transportation, commerce, public
10 services, education, and economic activities in the affected areas;

11 WHEREAS, immediately following the disaster, countless frontliners, including
12 rescue workers, social welfare and medical personnel, emergency responders,
13 members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police,
14 the Bureau of Fire Protection, local and national disaster risk reduction and
15 management offices, local government units (LGUs), humanitarian organizations, and
16 community volunteers, swiftly mobilized to ensure the welfare of disaster-stricken
17 residents;

1 WHEREAS, the AFP provided a critical role in the search, rescue, retrieval, relief,
2 and humanitarian operations with LGUs and national agencies, and mobilized an
3 intensive Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response protocol under the Eastern
4 Mindanao Command, in coordination with the Office of the Civil Defense, leveraging
5 its air, land, and naval assets to reach heavily isolated communities;

6 WHEREAS, these frontliners worked tirelessly under challenging and dangerous
7 conditions conducting search and rescue operations, providing emergency medical
8 care, clearing vital road networks, airlifting and distributing relief supplies, facilitating
9 and ensuring safety in evacuations, rendering psychological assistance, and restoring
10 essential services to affected communities;

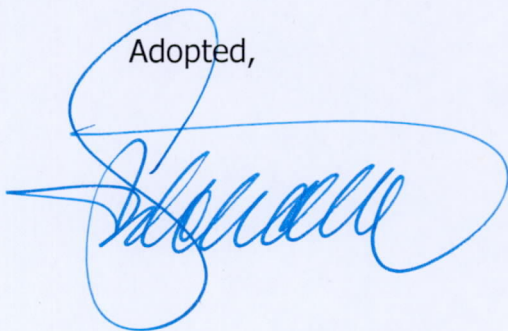
11 WHEREAS, the collective efforts of these individuals and organizations
12 significantly contributed to minimizing the number of casualties, alleviating human
13 suffering, and accelerating recovery and rehabilitation efforts in the impacted areas;

14 WHEREAS, such exceptional bravery, dedication, and unwavering commitment
15 to public service exemplified the highest ideals of patriotism, solidarity, compassion,
16 and *bayanihan* in times of crisis, and gave reassuring hope and comfort to the affected
17 families;

18 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Senate of the Philippines to recognize,
19 commend, and honor the invaluable contributions and sacrifices of our frontliners and
20 volunteers who responded selflessly to the needs of the people during this calamity:
21 Now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express its profound gratitude to*
23 *the rescue workers, social welfare and healthcare personnel, local government units,*
24 *uniformed services, civil volunteer groups, and all humanitarian responders for*
25 *providing swift life-saving assistance to affected communities in the aftermath of the*
26 *magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck Mindanao.*

Adopted,

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