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RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL SOCIAL FUND TO AUGMENT THE RESOURCES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DRUG-USERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITIES SUBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF GUIDELINES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the illegal drug trade that plague Philippine communities remains a national concern, which has prompted the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte to implement a massive anti-illegal drug campaign;

WHEREAS, 2015 data culled from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) states that around one-fifth of barangays in the Philippines have drug-related cases, Metro Manila being the region most affected by drugs with 92% of its barangays saddled with the drug problem;

WHEREAS, a crackdown on peddlers and users all over the country reveal a greater number than what the present statistics conservatively shows, hence a concerted effort by the Philippine National Police, PDEA and the local government units (LGUs) to encourage the voluntary surrender and rehabilitation of drug-dependents, which has resulted in the continuous turn in of drug dependents at an alarming rate;

WHEREAS, Section 51 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," provides, that "Local government units shall appropriate a substantial portion of their respective annual budgets to assist in or enhance the enforcement of this Act giving priority to preventive or educational programs and the rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents;"

WHEREAS, the funds of LGUs for preventive and educational programs on illegal drugs as well as the rehabilitation of drug-dependents should be

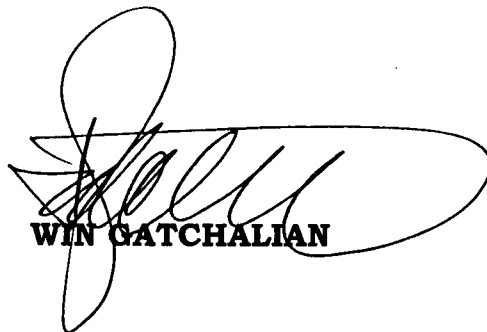
complemented by national government resources since the surrender and voluntary commitment of drug-dependents for treatment or rehabilitation will be tedious and requires a large amount of funding which the LGUs may be unable to fully provide;

WHEREAS, by virtue of their voluntary surrender and in light of the urgent need to provide these drug-dependents with immediate rehabilitation, the short-term measure to carry out the specific mandate of the law is to source funding from off-budget items that can finance and support contingency programs including efforts to rid our communities of all drug-related problems;

WHEREAS, in accordance with its special purpose, the Presidential Social Fund under the Office of the President and managed by the Presidential Management Staff can be tapped to provide direct assistance to programs and projects not funded under the regular budget which may now include the campaign against illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, due to the exigency of the situation, the Presidential Social Fund should be utilized to augment the resources of the LGUs in support of the campaign by President Duterte against the drug menace, thereby affording the LGUs to be pro-active partners in cleaning its communities from elements that corrupts the youth and its citizenry: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To urge President Rodrigo Duterte to authorize the disbursement of funds from the Presidential Social Fund to augment the resources of local government units for the rehabilitation of drug-users in their respective localities subject to the issuance of guidelines by the Department of the Interior and Local Government.



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