"A RESOLUTION URGING THE IATF-EID TO CREATE STRICTER GUIDELINES ON THE DISPOSAL OF FACE-MASKS AND FACE-SHIELDS AND OTHER WASTE MATERIALS UTILIZED TO TREAT, DETECT, AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19"

WHEREAS, “On Aug. 6, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases issued Resolution No. 61 ratifying the Technical Working Group’s adoption of the Joint Supplemental Guidelines on Minimum Health Protocols in the Workplace by the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)."; ¹

WHEREAS, said guidelines mandated the wearing of face masks and face shields at all times when in public places;

WHEREAS, there is an impressive increase in testing and treatment facilities;

WHEREAS, such occurrences have unintentionally resulted to an incremental increase in medical waste; ²

WHEREAS, it has likewise been reported that such medical waste is carelessly disposed of; ³

WHEREAS, it was likewise reported that if not managed, such waste is not properly managed, such may lead to an environmental disaster; ⁴

¹ https://www.onenews.ph/text-face-shield-mask-no-mass-gatherings-mental-health-support-and-other-guidelines-for-private-employers-workers
WHEREAS, the proper disposal of such medical waste is not only a vital part in defeating covid-19, but also a means to ensure that future generations have a "balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature" as guaranteed by no less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to enjoin the IATF-EID to create stricter measures on the disposal of medical waste generated in relation to covid-19;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that such guidelines be publicized so that the public may be duly informed.

Adopted,

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