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A RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING FOR THE IMMEDIATE PROCUREMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONWIDE VACCINATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, it is already more than TEN (10) months since His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Dueterte, had declared a State of Calamity throughout the country due to the serious health risk brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of January 17, 2021, almost NINETY FIVE (95) MILLION people worldwide have been infected with the corona virus disease, and left at least TWO (2) million people dead;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the number of COVID-19 cases reaches more than half a million, and the number of fatalities keep on increasing;

WHEREAS, due to the serious negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the lives of the people as well as in the economy, various nations have partnered up with pharmaceutical companies in their quest for a safe and effective cure for the disease, and to accelerate progression to an effective vaccine;

WHEREAS, several COVID-19 vaccines demonstrated efficacy as high as 95% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections, and as such, National regulatory authorities have approved these vaccines for public use;

WHEREAS, Congress allotted P72.5 billion from the 2021 budget for the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines, and that the government had already formulated a vaccination program for the administration of the vaccine;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, to strongly enjoin, as it hereby enjoins, the immediate procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and the implementation of the government's vaccination program, and to call on the entire nation to unite and support the government's plan to mitigate and combat this pandemic which wreaks havoc not only to our country but to the entire world.

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