A RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) AND THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF THE 2020 INCOME TAX RETURNS BY AT LEAST 30 DAYS

WHEREAS, the deadline to file and pay income tax returns is set on April 15;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal (NCR plus) were placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) from March 29 – April 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, NCR plus was placed under MECQ from April 12-30, 2021 while different areas and provinces all over the country are still under MECQ, GCQ, MGCQ or other forms of community quarantine or lockdowns;

WHEREAS, accountants, auditors, bookkeepers, and tax practitioners are also affected by COVID-19 and they also operate on a reduced capacity and encourage work from home;

WHEREAS, even the Authorized Agent Banks (AABs), and government offices (including the BIR) have limited workforce and have also experienced being shutdown because of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, it is not always possible for taxpayers or their representatives like accountants and bookkeepers to submit the returns online, since some supporting documents are kept in office premises that are closed due to the lockdown;

WHEREAS, in some instances some tax return filers may be sick and have to isolate themselves to prevent virus transmission, making it difficult if not impossible for them to comply with the filing requirement;

WHEREAS, the lack of public transportation also makes it hard for those who want to personally file their returns;

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WHEREAS, in the case of corporations, the BIR has yet to make changes in its tax returns to reflect the lower income tax rates these businesses will now enjoy under the CREATE law President Duterte signed recently;

WHEREAS, because of the pandemic, the current lockdown and the policy that discourages people from going out of their homes and limits face-to-face interaction, the DOF and the BIR should give millions of taxpayers or their representatives longer time to file their tax returns and make payments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to urge the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to extend the deadline for the filing of the 2020 income tax returns by at least 30 days

Adopted,

RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ