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A RESOLUTION
URGING THE CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT IN THE COVERAGE OF
THE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in our efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the
government, through the Department of Health, the Local Government Units
(LGUs), and other concerned national government agencies, have begun the
implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination program;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health, the country has
so far received over three million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, of which 2.8
million were already distributed;

WHEREAS, the government is conducting simultaneous vaccination
of healthcare workers, senior citizens, and people with comorbidities as
prioritized in light of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, the government seeks to inoculate up to 70 million of the
population to achieve herd immunity by end of the year;

WHEREAS, to make the COVID-19 vaccination program more
accessible to the public, local government units like Quezon City, Manila
City, Taguig City, and Imus City in Cavite have rolled out their respective
house-to-house vaccination programs for bedridden patients and people
with comorbidities;
WHEREAS, amidst risks of contracting the coronavirus in this pandemic, persons with disabilities with mobility impairment are among those deprived of access to such public services that require them to leave their homes;

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities with mobility impairment are people who are unable to use one or more of his/her extremities, or lack the motor skills to walk, grasp, or lift objects, and access necessary health services, and include but are not limited to people who are bedridden, people who suffered stroke, among others.

WHEREAS, in a time when persons with disabilities face great marginalization economically and socially due to the pandemic, it is high time we uplift their spirits and encourage vaccination amongst high-risk communities;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to ensure with urgency that our services for the people are made accessible especially for the marginalized and underprivileged;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to urge the concerned national government agencies and local government units to include persons with disabilities with mobility impairment in the coverage of the house-to-house Covid-19 Vaccination Program.

Adopted,

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