A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO
ESTABLISH A CENTRAL DATABASE OF PERSONAL
INFORMATION TO BE INTEGRATED WITH AND IN PREPARATION
FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11055 or the Philippine Identification
System (PhilSys) Act of 2018 was passed into law which aims to create a single
official identification card for all citizens and residents of the Philippines and
eliminate all other forms of identification when transacting with the government
and private sector except for Driver’s License, Passport and PRC License;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has started
registering individuals for the PhilSys with the target of registering all
individuals before the end of the term of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte;

WHEREAS, as of writing, the full implementation of Republic Act No.
11055 including the creation of the system has not yet ensued. However,
because of the pandemic, the LGUs started collating personal information that
we can take advantage of as there is a current need to create a central database
of personal information and utilize it to make the government response against
COVID-19 more robust;

WHEREAS, the roll-out of vaccines and contact tracing by the Local
Government Units (LGUs) have allowed LGUs to ask for personal information
with the consent of their constituents. This should be taken advantage of by the
government;
WHEREAS, to complement with the current activity of LGUs (1604 cities and municipalities), what we can do is to collate such data and establish a central database of personal information out of it;

WHEREAS, the information independently collected during contact tracing and vaccination should not be wasted. Instead, resources should be wisely used as not to repetitively collect the same information. Pieces of personal information collected should be submitted by the LGUs to the Philippine Statistics Authority;

WHEREAS, contact tracers could also act as data encoders in the central database of personal information To verify the data collected, the contact tracers should also ensure that all entries being collected are correct and true.;

WHEREAS, by doing so we can create a central database that could simplify the collation of personal information. Moving forward, we filed a House Resolution on the Philippine Identification System for this to be effective. We envision that through IDs, the government agencies will be interconnected and will not just become a foundational ID rather it will evolve into a multi-functional ID that will be utilize as an e-wallet and hopefully be part of the government roadmap;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the National Government to establish a central database of personal information to be integrated with and in preparation for the full implementation of the Philippine Identification System, and to utilize the data therein to verify the information being collected by other government agencies.

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