RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARY RULE

“You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.” - Malcolm X

WHEREAS, on the morning of February 1, 2021, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar’s Military seized full control of the government after arresting Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar’s civilian leader, and other top members of the ruling party, National League for Democracy, in a raid which saw a paradigm shift occur in Myanmar;

WHEREAS, the Tatmadaw then announced that it would remain in power for one (1) year, with ultimate authority resting with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing;

WHEREAS, said takeover by the Tatmadaw ended its decade-long alliance with Myanmar’s democratic form of government;

WHEREAS, a relatively new democracy, said form of government only took ground in Myanmar back in 2011 after the military ceded its control after years of people’s struggle for democracy dating as far back as 1948 coupled with political and economic pressure from the international community;

WHEREAS, said takeover by the Tatmadaw came as a consequence after the recent results of NLD’s landslide victory in November last year. Amidst opinions by foreign observers that said elections were clean, fair, and honest, the Tatmadaw denied such claims and slammed the elections as fraudulent;

WHEREAS, the Tatmadaw also threatened to take action if their calls were not heeded, citing a provision in the Constitution that it could launch a coup if the nation’s sovereignty was threatened and declare a national emergency;

WHEREAS, said aggression by the Tatmadaw can also be viewed to be ignited in part by Suu Kyi’s calls to restrict the military’s role in governing the country;
WHEREAS, resistance to military rule has been high, with waves of protestors taking to the streets to voice their dissent and to the countryside to join the armed struggle against military rule;

WHEREAS, such flashes of democratic acts by the people have also been met with force by the military which has fired live ammunitions against peaceful protestors killing a good number of freedom-loving protestors each and every day;

WHEREAS, as such, it is only right that in this day and age, we condemn and denounce the attacks against the people of Myanmar and the democratic institutions it has long fought to achieve;

WHEREAS, as a fellow Southeast Asian country and fellow member of the ASEAN, our country, which has also its share of struggles for democracy, freedom, and peace, should not turn a blind eye on the atrocities and injustices nearby;

WHEREAS, as boldly as we have fought for our own democracy, freedom, and peace, we must also raise our calls for such principles to be upheld and protected in Myanmar;

WHEREAS, we reject the military rule in Myanmar and we stand together with the people in this time of dictatorship and despair;

WHEREAS, the struggles of which our people here face today against the anti-democratic attacks, threats and harassments perpetrated by the current Administration is neither distinct nor separate from the military rule in Myanmar. We join the calls to reject all forms of tyranny and despotism worldwide;

WHEREAS, we call to stop the attacks and the liberation for all the people of Myanmar;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the House of Representatives expresses its sense to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar in their struggle against military rule.

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