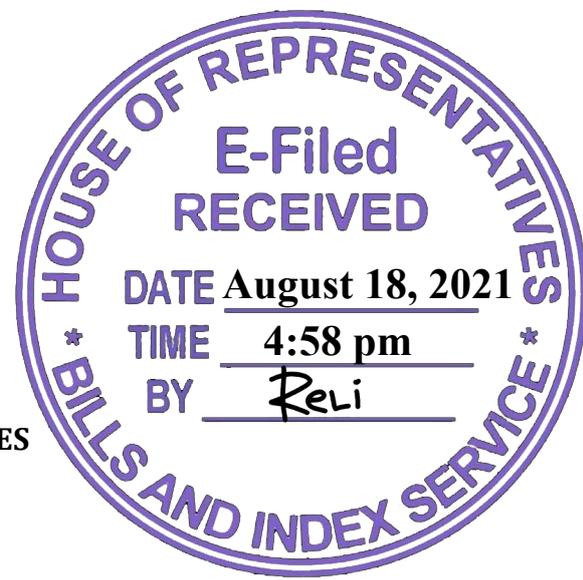




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2142



Introduced by Magsasaka Party-list Representative
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A RESOLUTION

**URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO REVERT
THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION
ADMINISTRATION (NIA) FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE
OF DA OF BECOMING A FOOD-SECURE COUNTRY**

7 **WHEREAS**, Section 42 of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides for the
8 applicable relationship of government-owned or controlled corporations to the
9 appropriate departments that they shall be attached and with which they have allied
10 functions for policy and program coordination and general supervision;

11 **WHEREAS**, stated in Republic Act No. 3601, and further reaffirmed in Presidential
12 Decree No. 522, the primary responsibility of the National Irrigation Administration
13 (NIA) upon its establishment is the implementation of irrigation integrated program of
14 the government to attain the "Irrigation Age" and, through a substantial investment of
15 government funds, to increase agricultural production to improve the income of people,
16 affording them the capacity to comply with their obligations and responsibilities to the
17 government

18 **WHEREAS**, through Executive Order No. 165, series of 2014, NIA, together with
19 the National Food Authority (NFA), Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), and the Fertilizer
20 and Pesticide Authority (FPA), was transferred from the Department of Agriculture (DA)
21 to the Office of the President;

1 **WHEREAS**, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary - Office of the President
2 was issued on 03 November 2016 designating the Secretary of the Office of the Cabinet
3 Secretary as Chairperson of the NIA Board of Directors;

4 **WHEREAS**, in the past five consecutive years, the Commission on Audit (COA)
5 reports the irregularities in the NIA projects that involve billions of peso contracts,
6 including the engagement of contractors with insufficient documents and non-disclosure
7 of project costs, among others, which violate Republic Act No. 9184, or the Government
8 Procurement Reform Act;

9 **WHEREAS**, the inability of NIA to fully and satisfactorily address the issues in the
10 implementation of irrigation projects such as considerable delays in the performance of
11 contractors, inadequate planning, inefficient surveys and investigation of the areas of
12 construction, inter alia, that waste the government funds and deprive the Filipino farmers
13 of its intended benefits;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is the lead government agency
15 equipped to provide policy directions and support services for the development of
16 agriculture;

17 **WHEREAS**, to achieve the objective of DA of becoming a food-secure country is
18 largely dependent on the ability of farmers to access efficient, reliable, and sufficient
19 irrigation facilities, in combination with the application of modern technologies and farm
20 mechanization, to ensure timely planting activities and sustained yields;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that
22 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is urged to revert the supervision and control of the
23 National Irrigation Administration (NIA) from the Office of the President to the
24 Department of Agriculture (DA) to achieve the objective of DA of becoming a food-secure
25 country.

Adopted,



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