



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

**NDRRMC RESOLUTION NO. 03, s. 2020**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION  
OF A STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES  
DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(a) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, provides that it shall be the policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters, including climate change impacts;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(d) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socio-economic and environmental impacts of disasters, including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(l) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to recognize and strengthen the capacities of LGUs and communities in mitigating and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the impact of disasters;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(p) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of disaster, and facilitate resumption of normal social and economic activities;

**WHEREAS**, on 07 January 2020, Chinese health authorities reported that the cause of a viral pneumonia outbreak in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China was a novel type of Coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans;

**WHEREAS**, on 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) health event as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

**WHEREAS**, on 30 January 2020, the Secretary of Health confirmed the first imported COVID-19 case in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, on 07 March 2020, the first case of localized COVID-19 transmission was confirmed by the Department of Health;

**WHEREAS**, on 12 March 2020, the WHO has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases established under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014, has issued several resolutions for the management of the COVID-19 situation;

**WHEREAS**, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) issued Memorandum Circular No. 1, series of 2020, enjoining its Member-Agencies to support the IATF for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases;

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, provides that the President of the Republic of the Philippines shall declare a State of Public Health Emergency and mobilize governmental and nongovernmental agencies to respond to the threat;

**WHEREAS**, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte promulgated Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2020, the Council issued NDRRMC Resolution No. 2, s. 2020 recommending to the President to declare a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines, enjoining all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte promulgated Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19, for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, in relation thereto, the following provisions of law thus took effect:

1. Section 6 (1) of Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, as amended by Republic Act No. 10623, which provides that prices of basic necessities in an area shall automatically be frozen at their prevailing prices or placed under automatic price control whenever said area is proclaimed or declared a disaster area or under a state of calamity;
2. Section 17 of Republic Act No. 10121, which provides that a declaration of a state of calamity shall make mandatory the immediate implementation of the following remedial measures by the Member-Agencies of the Council:

- a. Imposition of price ceiling on basic necessities and prime commodities by the President upon the recommendation of the implementing agency as provided for under Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, or the National Price Coordinating Council;
  - b. Monitoring, prevention, and control by the Local Price Coordination Council of overpricing/profitteering and hoarding of prime commodities, medicines and petroleum products;
  - c. Programming/reprogramming of funds for the repair and safety upgrading of public infrastructures and facilities; and
  - d. Granting of no-interest loans by government financing or lending institutions to the most affected section of the population through their cooperatives or people's organizations;
3. Section 53 of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, which authorized the employment of negotiated procurement modalities, as applicable, subject to the conditions and requirements set forth therein, during a state of calamity, or when time is of the essence arising from natural or man-made calamities or other causes where immediate action is necessary to prevent damage to or loss of life or property, or to restore vital public services, infrastructure facilities, and other public utilities;
  4. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 10121, which provides that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRM Fund) shall be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction, and other work or services in connection with natural or human-induced calamities; and
  5. Section 22(c) of Republic Act No. 10121 and Section 5(b) of NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, series of 2019, which provide that the Quick Response Fund (QRF) shall be utilized for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible;

**WHEREAS**, as of 28 August 2020 or almost six months since the President placed the Philippines under a state of calamity, the entire country continues to be under some level of community quarantine given that the Department of Health reports that the number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths continue to rise;

**WHEREAS**, in view of existing conditions, there is an indubitable necessity to continuously employ such measures to address the Public Health Emergency to protect and promote the health and well-being of Filipino citizens, and mitigate its effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Council RESOLVES as it is hereby RESOLVED, to recommend to the President to extend the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective 16 September 2020 to 15 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant.**

Done this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 at the Department of National Defense, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

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