



NDRRMC RESOLUTION NO. 07, s. 2022

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF IMMINENT DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Section 2(l) of Republic Act (RA) 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 recognize and strengthen the capacities of local government units (LGUs) and communities in mitigating and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the impact of disasters;

WHEREAS, Section 2(p) of RA 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, Section 16, in relation with Section 6(c), of RA 10121 provides that the Council shall have the power to recommend to the President of the Philippines the declaration of a cluster of barangays, municipalities, cities, provinces, and regions under a state of calamity and submit proposals to restore normalcy in the affected areas, including calamity fund allocation;

WHEREAS, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Memorandum No. 60, series of 2019, provides for the revised guidelines for the declaration of a city, municipality, province or region under a State of Calamity based on conditions brought about by natural and/or human-induced disasters;

WHEREAS, during the devastation of Typhoon ODETTE in 2021, the President, in his Talk to the People dated 27 December 2021, emphasized the need to repeal the current guidelines on the declaration of a State of Calamity given the hindrances brought about by the assessment requirements;

WHEREAS, NDRRMC Memorandum No. 30, series of 2022, states that, with reference to the After Action Review for Typhoon ODETTE, among the action items for the improvement of the NDRRMC’s response are the improvement of impact-based assessment for Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and the review of protocols for declaration of a State of Calamity, with consideration for advance declaration;

WHEREAS, NDRRMC Memorandum Nos. 63 and 142, series of 2021, provide for the use of PDRA as a process to evaluate a hazard’s level of risk given the degrees of exposure and vulnerability in a specific area. It presents the possible impacts to the populace and forms a basis to determine the appropriate level of response actions from the national level government agencies down to the local government units (LGUS);

WHEREAS, during the PDRA for Typhoon ODETTE, seven (7) regions were already pre-identified by the NDRRMC as high-risk regions prior to its landfall, thereby requiring the highest level of preparedness. After impact, six (6) out of the seven (7) high-risk regions, as pre-identified through PDRA, have been declared under a State of Calamity;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to:

1. Facilitate and initiate the most appropriate national policy or legal agenda (i.e. Legislation, Presidential Directive/Issuance, Circular, and etc.) for the institutionalization of the Declaration of a State of Imminent Disaster, with the following proposed operational definition:

***Declaration of a State of Imminent Disaster:** Declaration that is made in anticipation of a highly probable disaster due to projected catastrophic impacts that are severe enough to require funding to supplement local resources in preventing or alleviating damages and losses.*

2. Ensure the participation of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and other relevant agencies, organizations and experts in the development of the national policy or legal agenda; and
3. Once institutionalized, allow all relevant agencies the use of QRF and other relevant emergency funds in areas declared under a State of Imminent Disaster as part of Emergency Preparedness.

Done this 25th day of March 2022 at the Department of National Defense, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



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