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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

Present:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan
Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan

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Absent:

Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño

Member - 5th District

On Official Business:

Hon. Araceli T. Somosa
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio

Member - 1st District
Member - 5th District
Member-PCL

RESOLUTION NO. 1446
Series of 2024

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UNDER A STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO THE ERUPTION OF KANLAON VOLCANO

WHEREAS, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (PDRRMC) of the Province of Negros Occidental per Resolution No. 11, series of 2024 recommended the declaration of a state of calamity in the entire Province of Negros Occidental following the notice issued by DOST-PHIVOLCS raising the status of Kanlaon Volcano to Alert Level 3;

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2024, an explosive eruption occurred at the summit vent of Kanlaon Volcano which produced a voluminous plume that rapidly rose to 3,000 meters above the vent;

WHEREAS, based on the initial report of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), they upgraded the alert statue from Level 2 (increasing unrest) to Level 3 (magmatic unrest), which indicates intensified volcanic activity marked by increased earthquakes and substantial steam or ash emissions;

WHEREAS, La Castellana, La Carlota City, Pontevedra, and the Southern portions of Bago, Valladolid, San Enrique, Hinigaran and Binalbagan have been declared to be affected by the said eruption;

WHEREAS, there are 33,806 individuals affected within the 6-kilometer radius, as supported by the Province of Negros Occidental's Contingency Plan, Kanlaon Volcano Eruption, Pyroclastic Density Currents, 2024. Due to forced evacuation mandated by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), these individuals are unable to remain in their homes and face, not only respiratory health problems resulting from ashfall but also the hazards associated with contaminated food and water resources;

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that: “xxx General Welfare Clause – Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as power necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of public welfare xxx”;

WHEREAS, Section 465 of the same code empowers the Provincial Government to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of a natural disaster or calamity;

WHEREAS, NDRRMC Memorandum No. 60, series of 2019, Re: “Revised Guidelines for the Declaration of a State of Calamity”, mandates the criteria for declaration of a state of calamity;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Samson C. Mirhan, unanimously seconded by all the members present,

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to declare the entire Province of Negros Occidental under a state of calamity due to the eruption of Kanlaon Volcano.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a portion of the Calamity Fund be released to extend immediate assistance to those affected by the Kanlaon eruption, and which will greatly aid the rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a price freeze on basic necessities and prime commodities be imposed over the entire Province of Negros Occidental in order to curb predatory pricing by businesses and hoarding of goods.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that funds be programmed or reprogrammed for the repair and upgrading of public infrastructures and facilities, and that the Quick Response Fund (QRF) from the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) Funds be utilized within the affected LGUs or other areas impacted by the disaster or calamity for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and other necessary works or services.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that alternative modes of procurement be used for the efficient procurement of emergency works, goods or services needed to respond to quickly recover from disasters, subject to the provisions of RA No. 9184.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER
Vice Governor

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary


APPROVED:


HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Governor

Date: DEC 16 2024