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PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR
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COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 05

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, THE ISSUANCE OF: (1) AN EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING (A) THE ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EVICTION/DEMOLITION ORDERS AND (B) THE CONDUCT OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE EVICTION/DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES, UNTIL SUCH TIME THE PRESIDENT HAS LIFTED THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND THE STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019, AND (2) A PROCLAMATION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE SAID STATE OF CALAMITY

WHEREAS, the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, a global health crisis, has caused uncertainty and instability among nations of the world, including the Philippines, and continuously imperils the lives and welfare of the Filipino people, thus causing immeasurable disruption to the economy, loss of lives, fear and anxiety;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President issued 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, one of the most vulnerable and affected sectors of such gargantuan crisis is the Urban Poor Sector, specifically INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES (ISFs) composed of underprivileged and homeless citizens;

WHEREAS, the Government, under the Presidency and Administration of Rodrigo Roa Duterte, has responded to the crisis fairly, justly and swiftly, easing the plight of informal settler families, through the issuance of EO 114, s. 2020¹, the enactment of Republic Act (RA) 11469 "BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT" and through other pertinent issuances related to the control of COVID-19 in the country;

¹ "Institutionalizing the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-Asa Program as A Pillar Of Balanced Regional Development, Creating a Council Therefor, and For Other Purposes"

WHEREAS, the "OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES" issued by the IATF-EID prohibits mass gatherings such as but not limited to, community assemblies and non-essential work gatherings, for areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ);

WHEREAS, one of the primary mandates of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) is the conduct of Pre-Demolition Conferences (PDCs), a pre-requisite before police assistance may be extended to party/proponent of an impending eviction/demolition activity;

WHEREAS, facilitating the PDC involves the meeting of several personnel from the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Housing Authority (NHA), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), the Local Housing Board of the LGU authorized to cause the demolition or eviction, other concerned government agencies, the affected families or their representatives, and the landowner;

WHEREAS, convening PDCs involve mass gatherings which certainly does not help in our fight to mitigate and/or contain the transmission of Covid-19 and which is likewise in violation of the minimum public health standards set by the Government;

WHEREAS, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2020-068 entitled "Postponement of all Administrative Demolition and Eviction Activities during the Enhanced Community Quarantine and State of National Emergency" directing all LGUs to postpone all demolition and eviction activities and ensure that all homeless citizens within their respective jurisdictions are properly accommodated;

WHEREAS, certain provisions of MC 2020-068 have references to or are inter-dependent with RA 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" which has already expired on the 24th of June 2020;

WHEREAS, it remains a necessity to temporarily stop evictions/demolitions involving ISFs as Covid-19 continues to spread throughout the country, threatening the health of millions of citizens, especially those living below the poverty threshold;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Government expresses its policy on the subject of eviction/demolition through the issuance of an Executive Order (or other appropriate issuance) in order to give assurance and peace of mind to urban or rural poor dwellers who are potential victims of eviction/demolition in these difficult and trying times;

WHEREAS, it is likewise imperative for the President to extend the State of Calamity/Emergency throughout the Country due to the worsening state or situation in the country;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the PCUP Commission En Banc has RESOLVED, as it hereby REVOLVES, to request from the President of the Philippines, through the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolutions (IAFT-EID), the issuance of the following:

- a) A proclamation extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019, effectively extending the effectivity of DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-068; and
- b) An executive order temporarily postponing all administrative demolition and eviction activities, whether extra-judicial or summary, including the conduct of PDCs and all activities related thereto, such as the issuance of Pre-Demolition Conference Certificates or Certificates of Non-coverage, as the case may be.

We hereby affix our signatures in support of this measure for the interest of vulnerable communities and ISFs.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** during the Third Regular Commission En Banc Meeting (RCM No. 03-2020) held this 5th day of August 2020 at the 9th Floor, Sunnymede IT Center, PCUP Central Office, Quezon City (via video conference).



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