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Introduced by Honorable Representatives
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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE THE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET WORTH (SALNs) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XI, of the Constitution declares that “[p]ublic office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives”;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article XI of the Constitution requires that public officers and employees shall, upon assumption of office and as often thereafter as may be required by law, submit a declaration under oath of their statement of assets, liabilities, and net worth (SALN);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, expressly mandates that

SALNs must be made available for inspection at reasonable hours and for copying after ten (10) working days from the time they are filed, subject to prescribed regulations;

WHEREAS, despite these constitutional and statutory mandates, the Office of the Ombudsman restricted public access to the SALNs on file with its office through Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2020. Access has been limited to the official or a duly authorized representative, a requester acting on a court order in relation to a pending case, and the Office of the Ombudsman's Field Investigation Office for the purpose of conducting fact-finding investigations;

WHEREAS, from July 2022 to May 2025, a total of ₱545.64 billion in public funds was spent on 9,885 flood control projects, yet widespread flooding continues to affect many areas of the country;¹

WHEREAS, recent flooding has raised serious concerns about irregularities in the implementation of flood control projects, including allegations of ghost projects, overpriced contracts, questionable bidding practices, and the involvement of relatives or close associates of public officials;²

WHEREAS, during his fourth State of the Nation Address on July 28, 2025, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. vowed to expose and prosecute corruption in flood control projects. He ordered the release of a complete list of flood control projects from the past three years for public scrutiny;

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2025, President Marcos ordered several agencies, including the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Office of the Ombudsman, to conduct "lifestyle checks" on all government officials, starting with those in the Department of Public Works and Highways;

WHEREAS, as representatives of the Filipino people, Members of the House of Representatives must lead by example by demonstrating their commitment to ethical conduct and accountability, thereby setting the tone for other public officials and employees;

¹ *PBBM: 20% of flood control projects worth P100B went to only 15 contractors, Philippine Information Agency* (Aug. 11, 2025), <https://pia.gov.ph/pbbm-20-of-flood-control-projects-worth-p100b-went-to-only-15-contractors/>

² *Wilnard Bacelonia, Senate Probe on Flood Control Bares Ghost Projects, Favoritism, Philippine News Agency* (Aug. 19, 2025), <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1256868>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Secretary General of the House of Representatives be directed to make public the duly filed Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALNs) of the Members of the House of Representatives, consistent with the letter and spirit of the 1987 Constitution and Republic Act No. 6713. This shall be done without making publicly accessible the Members' or their relatives' and companies' addresses, their signatures and ID details, the exact location of their real properties, and other information that, if made publicly accessible, may pose risks to the Members' physical security.

Adopted,



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