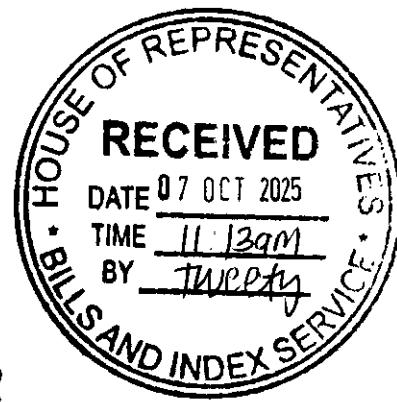


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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO TAKE BOLDER INITIATIVES WITHIN  
THE ASEAN TO URGENTLY ADDRESS THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN MYANMAR TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF  
DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND REGIONAL STABILITY, PURSUANT TO THE  
OBLIGATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND TO UPHOLD INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
HUMANITARIAN LAWS THAT VALUE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH  
OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON**

1      **WHEREAS**, the Philippines, as a member of the United Nations (UN) and the  
2      Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), affirms its faith in fundamental  
3      human rights, the dignity and worth of every human person and in the equal rights of

1 women and men, while promoting social progress and better standards of living in  
2 pursuit of larger freedom;

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4 **WHEREAS**, all member states of the UN and ASEAN have an obligation to  
5 promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, as stated in the UN and  
6 ASEAN Charters, and as elaborated in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights  
7 (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International  
8 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and other applicable human rights  
9 instruments;

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11 **WHEREAS**, the overall human rights situation in Myanmar has significantly  
12 deteriorated since February 1, 2021 when democratically elected members of the  
13 country's ruling party were forcibly deposed through an attempted military coup by  
14 Myanmar's security forces led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing;

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16 **WHEREAS**, as of September 2025, according to the data of the Assistance  
17 Association for Political Prisoners (AaPP), there is now a total of 22,327 prisoners of  
18 conscience languishing in various detention centers in Myanmar, 7,273 were  
19 reportedly killed by the junta, 7,277 have been freed and a total of 2,170 reportedly  
20 died in custody following the military coup in 2021;

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22 **WHEREAS**, four (4) years after the attempted military coup, massive violations  
23 of human rights, including 5,900 aerial strikes and drone attacks resulting to over 3,200  
24 deaths, and other forms of indiscriminate use of brutal military force against the  
25 country's ethnic population, civilians and human rights defenders continue to happen  
26 in Myanmar;

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28 **WHEREAS**, heightened restrictions on freedom of expression and peaceful  
29 assembly, arbitrary arrests, detention, torture, and killings of democracy activists,  
30 women and youth, trade union activists and ordinary civilians are continually being  
31 perpetrated by the military junta up to this day;

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33 **WHEREAS**, a full-blown humanitarian crisis has likewise ensued with multiple-  
34 displacements of ethnic communities including the Rohingya, who have been  
35 subjected to a virtual genocide with the military junta imposing stricter measures that  
36 aggravate the already dismal condition of the Rohingya people;

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38 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations (UN) and Human Rights Watch (HRW) have  
39 described the human rights violations of the Muslim Rohingya as "crimes against  
40 humanity" detailing the long history of discrimination and persecution against the  
41 Rohingya community;

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43 **WHEREAS**, Myanmar's military regime has consistently denied committing  
44 human rights abuses and violating international human rights laws, a fact that has  
45 caused strained diplomatic relations between Myanmar and other nations;

1           **WHEREAS**, various civil society groups and freedom-loving organizations in  
2 the region have been supporting the call of ethnic nationalities in Myanmar as they  
3 assert their right to self-determination and plan the building of a federal democratic  
4 government. A negotiated political settlement with the junta seems impossible even  
5 within the framework of the junta's own Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), which  
6 was described as a sham by most in the international community for lack of inclusivity;

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8           **WHEREAS**, nearly five years on from the Myanmar military's coup attempt,  
9 ASEAN's response has been inadequate in the face of the military junta's continued  
10 commission of crimes and atrocities, in complete disregard of the Five-Point  
11 Consensus (5PC) that they earlier agreed upon with ASEAN;

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13           **WHEREAS**, the international community -- particularly the ASEAN and its  
14 member states -- must take a stronger stance against the State Administration Council  
15 (SAC) beyond the "ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus on Myanmar" in resolving the  
16 ongoing crisis and restoring democracy, justice and rule of law back to Myanmar;

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18           **WHEREAS**, as the current Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
19 (ASEAN) for 2025, Malaysia has taken a proactive diplomatic approach to address the  
20 political and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar;

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22           **WHEREAS**, Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has directly engaged  
23 with both the military junta (the State Administration Council) and opposition groups,  
24 including the National Unity Government (NUG). In fact, in August 2025, PM Ibrahim  
25 hosted a meeting in Kuala Lumpur with over 30 anti-regime groups, including the NUG,  
26 the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC), and various ethnic armed  
27 organizations;

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29           **WHEREAS**, Malaysia has advocated for a stronger ASEAN response to the  
30 military coup even calling for the exclusion of Myanmar's military representatives from  
31 high-level ASEAN meetings due to the junta's lack of progress and continued violence;

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33           **WHEREAS**, the chairship of the ASEAN in 2026 will be transferred to the  
34 Philippines, with a turn-over ceremony in Kuala Lumpur in October 2025;

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36           **WHEREAS**, various civil society groups and solidarity movements for Myanmar  
37 in the region have been calling on the Philippine government to consolidate a  
38 principled position with concrete roadmap and decisive actions in support of Myanmar  
39 people's efforts in establishing a federal democracy towards achieving lasting peace  
40 and stability;

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42           **WHEREAS**, in May 2025, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs  
43 announced that it is committed to collaborating with fellow ASEAN member states to  
44 strengthen regional cooperation and address the multifaceted challenges in Myanmar;

1       **WHEREAS**, Myanmar civil society groups, together with their allies in the broad  
2 solidarity movement across the region, appeal to the Philippine government to adopt  
3 measures and employ actions that lend support to the Myanmar people's struggle to  
4 end the military dictatorship, including the condemning of the conduct of sham  
5 elections in December 2025 until January 2026, stop human rights abuses, and  
6 establish a federal democracy by taking concrete steps, including the following:

7                   (1) Commencing the formal engagement with the legitimate representatives of  
8 Myanmar, including the National Unity Government (NUG) and federal unit  
9 consultative councils, as well as Myanmar's civil society, by initiating and convening  
10 stakeholders' consultations once the chairship of ASEAN is assumed;

12                   (2) Helping to modify the current approach by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre  
13 for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) on providing  
14 humanitarian aid to Myanmar in partnership with local civil society organizations  
15 through border channels for the humanitarian aid to reach the most vulnerable  
16 population as the current system of channeling aid through the junta has failed to reach  
17 those most in need; and

19                   (3) Lead the ASEAN's efforts to support peace and democracy in Myanmar and  
20 ensure regional stability and development by backing the Myanmar people's political  
21 transformation process to dismantle the military dictatorship and establish a federal  
22 democracy, including the people's effort to hold the junta chief Min Aung Hlaing and  
23 others responsible for mass atrocities and crimes against humanity accountable under  
24 international law.

26                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the  
27 House of Representatives urges the Executive Branch of Philippine Government,  
28 particularly the Department of Foreign Affairs, to take bolder initiatives within the  
29 ASEAN to urgently address the human rights and humanitarian crises in Myanmar  
30 towards the restoration of democracy, justice and regional stability, pursuant to the  
31 obligations of the Philippines to promote and protect human rights and to uphold  
32 international human rights and humanitarian laws that value the dignity and worth of  
33 every human person.

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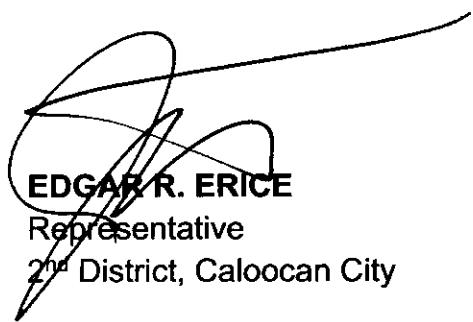
  
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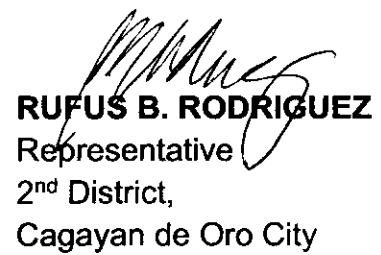
  
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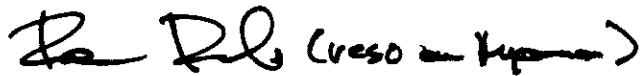
  
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