



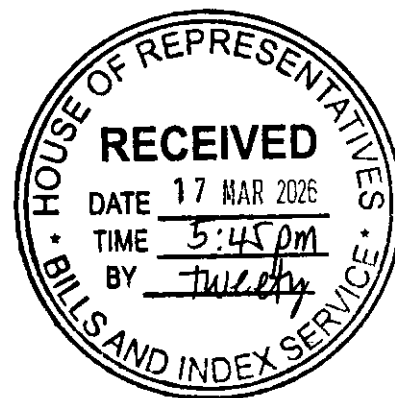
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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 893

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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

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### A RESOLUTION

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND ASSESS THE NEED TO TEMPORARILY ADJUST AND/OR REDUCE THE OPERATING HOURS OF MALLS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS NATIONWIDE, AS PART OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, last 03 March 2026, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 114, directing all government agencies to ensure adherence and adoption of energy conservation measures amid the ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East;

**WHEREAS**, on 04 March 2026, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued an advisory directing all government offices to adopt and sustain energy efficiency and conservation (EEC) measures aimed at achieving at least ten percent (10%) savings in energy consumption, to ensure sufficient and reliable electricity supply during the hot dry season;

**WHEREAS**, in relation thereto, as provided under Republic Act No. (RA) 11285<sup>1</sup>, it is the policy of the state to institutionalize energy efficiency and conservation as a national way of life towards the efficient and judicious utilization of energy to cushion the impact of high prices of imported fuels to local markets;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 23 of RA 11285, DOE is vested with visitorial powers and on-site inspections in designated establishments to inspect energy-consuming

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<sup>1</sup> Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (2019).

facilities, evaluate energy management systems and procedures and identify areas for efficiency improvement related to the compliance requirements of the Act, among others;

**WHEREAS**, in addition thereto, it is expressly mandated that all energy end users shall use every available energy resource efficiently and promote the development and utilization of new and alternative energy efficient technologies and systems, including renewable energy technologies and systems across sector;

**WHEREAS**, commercial establishments, particularly malls in the metropolitan areas, that consumes 500,000 kWh per annum are considered a Designated Establishment that is mandated to integrate an energy management policy in their business and set up programs and design measures to promote energy efficiency, conservation and sufficiency, among other;

**WHEREAS**, considering the energy volatility due to ongoing the middle east tensions, there is a need to pursue a collaborative efforts in the energy conservation and sustainable consumption;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to urge the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the DOE to immediately conduct the necessary study and assess the need to temporarily adjust and/or reduce the operating hours of malls and other commercial establishment nationwide, as part of the initiatives of energy efficiency and conservation measures of the National Government.

*Adopted,*

  
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