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RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLUTION INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF BONA FIDE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS AS OFFICIAL NON-VOTING OBSERVERS IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ON THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND ALL SUBSEQUENT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, crafting the national budget is one of the most important and consequential responsibilities of Congress, as it determines the allocation of the nation's resources and reflects the priorities of government;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Chapter 2, Book VI of the Revised Administrative Code emphasizes the importance of a national budget that serves as an instrument of national development and social transformation;

WHEREAS, the active participation of stakeholders—including bona fide people's organizations—can help ensure that the national budget is grounded in the realities, aspirations, and needs of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Section 15, Article XIII, states that:

“The State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means”;

WHEREAS, many non-government organizations and people's organizations have developed significant expertise in key sectors such as education, public health, agriculture, social welfare, the environment, and local development, and their insights can meaningfully enhance the quality and responsiveness of budget deliberations;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the same Article guarantees that:

“The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged”:  
Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That bona fide people's organizations be formally accredited and invited to actively participate as official non-voting observers in the public deliberations of the Committee on Appropriations and its sub-committees in the crafting of the national budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and in all succeeding annual General Appropriations.

*Resolved, further*, That the Committee on Appropriations, in consultation with the Committee on People's Participation, shall formulate appropriate guidelines to determine eligibility, accreditation procedures, and the scope of participation of such organizations, consistent with existing laws and Rules of the House.

Let this Resolution affirm the commitment of the House of Representatives to uphold democratic governance, participatory budgeting, and inclusive national development.

Adopted,



FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on August 5, 2025.



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