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RESOLUTION URGENTLY REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 18th CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THROUGH THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR., REPRESENTATIVE, CAMARINES SUR 3RD DISTRICT, TO TAKE STEPS, OR INFORM THE PUBLIC OF ANY EFFORT ALREADY TAKEN, AT ENSURING THAT THE 18TH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES EFFECTIVELY EXERCISE ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION TO ENFORCE SPEEDY PURCHASE OF ANTI-COVID 19 VACCINES BOTH BY THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND IMPLEMENT TRANSPARENCY IN THE NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN ORDER TO EFFECT SPEEDY VACCINATION OF ALL FILIPINOS, THEREBY INCREASING THE PEOPLE'S PROTECTION AGAINST THIS PANDEMIC:-

Sponsor: Hon. City Councilor Mila S.D. Raquid-Arroyo

WHEREAS, the surge of COVID-19 cases in many localities in the entire country, particularly in Naga City, the need for urgent and effective response in order to arrest this health emergency cannot be overemphasized;

WHEREAS, among such effective responses to stop this pandemic is the vaccination of at least 70% of the entire population with anti-COVID-19 vaccines;

WHEREAS, with the policy of the national government where any procurement of anti-COVID-19 vaccines are to be approved by the National Government, Local Government Units are constrained to completely rely on the National Government for anti-COVID-19 vaccines, and the LGUs' capability to purchase vaccines for their respective constituents also have to wait for the approval of the National Government;

WHEREAS, the National Government's unreasonable delay in the approval of LGU requests for approval of their respective decisions to purchase anti-COVID 19 vaccines, and the scandalous slow-paced and iniquitous way by which the National Government has been distributing COVID-19 vaccines to Local Government Units borders on criminal and is has been the subject of strong public outcry;

WHEREAS, in a democratic government like the Philippines, the legislative body has authority, in the exercise of its oversight function, to review how laws are being implemented in order to ensure that the objectives thereof are achieved, come up with new legislations that will respond to gaps identified thereby, in order to better serve and protect the people;

WHEREAS, the current situation calls for, now more than ever, the exercise of Congress' power and duty to check on the actions of the executive branch in order to ensure that the urgently needed anti-COVID 19 vaccines are received by the Filipino people to increase the chances of our survival as a people;