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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE FLOOD CONTROL INTERVENTIONS AND PROJECTS IN REGION V**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, on 24 October 2024, Severe Tropical Storm Kristine struck the Philippines, battering the Eastern Seaboard of Southern Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao with intense rains and destructive winds and causing floods across several regions, provinces, cities and municipalities;

WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) stated that among the regions hit hard by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine are Bicol, Calabarzon, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the provinces of Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, and Catanduanes, among others have declared a State of Calamity due to the damages and adverse effects of the said Typhoon while a total of 160 areas declared a State of Calamity;

WHEREAS, the Bicol region has the highest number of areas which have been placed under a State of Calamity with 78, followed by Calabarzon with 63, and Eastern Visayas with 13;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Agriculture (DA), as of November 3, 2024, the damages caused by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine to the country's crop and fisheries sectors has climbed to PhP 5.75 billion, with up to 131,661 farmers and

fisherfolk displaced and over 100,000 hectares of farmland affected, while the fishery sector incurred P446.22 million worth of damage;

WHEREAS, as of 28 October 2024, the NDRRMC said that at least 116 people were reported dead. The storm also forced almost a million people to flee their homes, while at least 39 people remain missing in the storm's aftermath, with a total of 1.7 million families or 6.7 million persons being affected across Regions NCR, I, II, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, Caraga, CAR, and BARMM;

WHEREAS, most of the storm deaths were reported in the six-province Bicol region. Flash floods swept away and submerged cars in some parts of Naga city while mudflows from Mayon, one of the country's 24 active volcanoes, in nearby Albay province, which engulfed several vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) reported that Region V alone sustained PhP 971 million in damage to infrastructure, which comprises of: (a) roads - PhP 799 million, (b) bridges - PhP 4.3 million; and (c) flood control projects - PhP 166 million;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned damages occurred despite various Flood Control Projects in Region V. Based on the 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA) alone, Region V or Bicol received a total appropriation of PhP 31.94 billion for its Flood Control Projects. Since 2018, the said region received a total appropriation of nearly PhP 133 billion for its Flood Control Projects;

WHEREAS, for the 2025 proposed appropriation, the budget for Flood Control under the DPWH amounted to PhP 303 billion, representing close to 34% of the total proposed appropriation;

WHEREAS, the flood control projects of the DPWH are in response to the recurring threat of flooding in various areas across the country, in order to safeguard lives and properties;

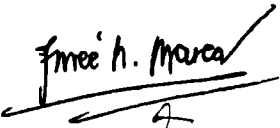
WHEREAS, the flooding brought about by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine has once again exposed the inadequate infrastructure and critical gaps in flood mitigation projects of the country;

WHEREAS, given the abovementioned circumstances, there is a need for the national government to immediately study and review the implementation of the said projects in the said region. The national government must ensure that well-engineered

solutions which genuinely address climate-related threats are implemented in order to effectively protect the lives, homes, and livelihoods of the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,
directing the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the implementation of the Flood Control Interventions and Projects in Region V.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS