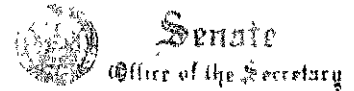


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Introduced by SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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**RESOLUTION CREATING THE "ECONOMIC AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TYPHOON SANTI FUND" AND THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO BILLION PESOS**

**WHEREAS**, it is policy of the State to adhere and to adopt the universal norms, principles and standards of humanitarian assistance as concrete expression of the country's commitment to overcome human sufferings due to recurring disasters;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 2013, typhoon "Santi" hit Central Luzon leaving a total of 13 persons dead, 32 injured, and 7 individuals missing<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Nueva Ecija was one of the provinces severely affected by the typhoon, leaving 3 dead in the province and causing extensive damage in agricultural areas;

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<sup>1</sup> Republic Act No. 10121 (*Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*).

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.gov.ph/2013/10/14/ndrrmc-situation-report-on-the-effects-of-typhoon-santi-october-14-2013-630-a-m/>

**WHEREAS**, as of October 15, 2013, the cost of damage to crops and high value crops brought about by typhoon have already reached P2.729 billion and P157.5 million, respectively<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Nueva Ecija is the top producer of rice and other agricultural products in the country, and is often referred to as the "Rice Granary of the Philippines";

**WHEREAS**, the damage created by the typhoon will create a long-term economic effect in the absence of immediate action by the government;

**WHEREAS**, financial assistance is indispensable to carry out the relief efforts of the government and promote the full recovery and rehabilitation of the province;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the savings from the Priority Development Assistance Fund should be realigned and allocated as calamity fund for relief and rehabilitation of the province<sup>4</sup>;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the amount of Two Billion Pesos be allocated for the creation of "Economic And Livelihood Assistance To Victims Of Typhoon Santi Fund" to provide financial assistance in the form of loan grants, to residents and private businesses in Nueva Ecija.

Adopted,



**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/330902/news/regions/nueva-ecija-under-state-of-calamity-due-to-santi>

<sup>4</sup> Article VI, Section 25 (5), 1987 Constitution.