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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED VIOLENT POLICE
DISPERSAL OF FARMERS AND LUMADS IN KIDAPAWAN CITY WHO ARE SEVERELY
AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT IN THE AREA, AND INSTITUTE MEASURES TO ASSIST
FARMERS IN TIMES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE**

Whereas, on 30 March 2016, around 3,000 protesters composed of farmers and Lumads staged a protest rally at the Davao-Cotabato Highway to demand from the Provincial Government the much needed assistance to families who are severely affected by the drought in the area;

Whereas, the protesters were reportedly insisting on the distribution of sacks of rice, and the release of calamity fund in order to alleviate the sufferings of the people who have long endured the ill effects of the El Nino phenomenon in the Province which has been under the state of calamity since January of this year;

Whereas, reports say that on 1 April 2016, the local police moved to disperse the demonstrators along the highway, but violence ensued that resulted in the death of 3 farmers and injuring hundred protesters;

Whereas, it is regrettable that the despondent pleadings of the farmers and the rest of the protesters who have gone famished by the severe crisis in the Province, were met by hostility and bloodshed by the forces of the Government;



Whereas, it is crucial to look into this deplorable incident and immediately address the needs of the distressed constituents, not only to provide financial and technical support in the midst of this environmental calamity, but likewise bring justice to the victims of the tragedy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee, to investigate, in aid of legislation, the reported violent police dispersal of farmers and Lumads in Kidapawan City who are severely affected by the drought in the area, and institute measures to assist farmers in times of environmental catastrophe.

Adopted,



FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.