

[PROCLAMATION NO. 283, August 07, 2017]

**DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN ORMOC CITY AND
KANANGA, LEYTE**

WHEREAS, on 6 July 2017, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake hit the city of Ormoc and the town of Kananga in Leyte, causing several deaths and injuries, displacement of numerous individuals and families, as well as substantial damage to property;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act no. 10121, or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has recommended the declaration of a State of Calamity in Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a State of Calamity in the aforesaid areas will hasten the rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of the government and the private sector, including any international humanitarian assistance;

WHEREAS, this declaration will, among others, effectively control the prices of basic goods and commodities for the affected areas and afford the government ample latitude to utilize appropriate funds for rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of, and to continue to provide basic services to, affected populations, in accordance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare a State of Calamity in Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte.

All departments and other concerned government agencies, including the affected local government units, are hereby directed to implement and execute rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation work in accordance with pertinent operational plans and directives.

All departments and other concerned government agencies are also hereby directed to coordinate with, and provide or augment the basic services and facilities of, affected local government units.

Law enforcement agencies, with support from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, are hereby directed to undertake all necessary measures to ensure peace and order in affected areas.

The State of Calamity in Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte shall remain in force and effect until lifted by the President.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 7th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.