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Province of Leyte thanks Secretary Gazmin on Yolanda operations

The Province of Leyte passed a resolution expressing its heartfelt thanks and sincerest gratitude to Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin for the effort and assistance he rendered in the restoration of peace and order in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda in November.

Resolution No. 2014-14, passed by the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte on January 6, 2014, cited the leadership of Secretary Gazmin in the operations of the Department of National Defense and the Office of Civil Defense addressing the preparations and the effects of the typhoon.

The resolution also mentioned that Secretary Gazmin stayed in Leyte on November 7-9, 2013 to personally manage the National Risk Reduction and Management Council. According to the resolution, “Secretary Gazmin thereby exposed himself to imminent danger and physical harm for the general welfare of our people.”

Typhoon Yolanda, which made landfall on November 8, 2013, caused “damage and devastation of properties, infrastructures, industries, agriculture” and claimed thousands of lives. The Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte recognized “the various agencies and governments both local and international” in enabling the province to get back on its feet.

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