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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**House Resolution No. 1436**

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***Introduced by Cong. Rufus B. Rodriguez***

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO USE ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AND ASSIST THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANNUAL GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY EVERY 15<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER.**

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations General Assembly has designated a Global Handwashing Day that will echo and reinforce its call for improved hygiene practices;

**WHEREAS**, the practice of handwashing with soap tops the international hygiene agenda with the Global Handwashing Day slated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2009;

**WHEREAS**, handwashing with soap reduces diarrheal morbidity by 44% with hands as the touted principal carriers of disease-causing germs, and handwashing with soap can avert 1 million of those deaths;

**WHEREAS**, handwashing with soap is a life-saving intervention within the technical and financial reach of all countries. Investments in handwashing with soap can also maximize the health benefits of investments in water supply and sanitation infrastructure and reduce health risks when families do not have access to basic sanitation and water supply services;

**WHEREAS**, the Essential Health Care Program (EHCP) advocates for school-based health interventions of daily handwashing with soap, daily toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste and bi-annual deworming;



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**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Department of Education, the League of Provinces of the Philippines and Fit for School, Inc., for the implementation and sustainability of the EHCP, with the Department of Education declaring the program as its flagship program;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education released DepED Orders 65 and 66 ordering for the immediate construction of the water and hand washing facility for the prevention of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, Global Handwashing Day can become a powerful platform for advocacy aimed at policy makers and key stakeholders and an occasion for concrete public commitments to actions that will spur behavioral change; now, therefore it is;

**RESOLVED** by Congress, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Department of Health, Department of Education and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation to use all resources available, to actively participate and assist the United Nations General Assembly in the successful implementation of the annual Global Handwashing Day every 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Adopted,

  
**RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ**