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**A RESOLUTION TO INTENSIFY THE DEMAND FOR GENUINE AGRARIAN
REFORM BY ENJOINING THE MEMBERS OF UP SOLIDARIDAD TO EXPOSE,
REPORT, AND FEATURE STORIES OF FORMER CARP AND CARPER
BENEFICIARIES**

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WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) was passed in 1988 with the aim of giving farmers the right to own the land that they till but is yet to be genuinely implemented by the state;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) entails that without consistent distribution of support services to the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARB), some of the landholdings given to them were illegally leased out while some became idle lands as the farmers do not have enough capital to sustain production;

WHEREAS, under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), land beneficiaries may only sell their landholdings after ten (10) years;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program - Extension of Reforms (CARPER) aims to redistribute land while giving compensation to landlords;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) is claimed to have been successful despite numerous reports proving that it failed to sustain the productivity of the farmers due to a lack of agrarian aid;

WHEREAS, both the CARP and CARPER had failed to implement genuine land reform for the farmers;

WHEREAS, the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill is a proposed legislation that would correct decades of failed agrarian reform programs, including by mandating the free distribution of land to qualified farmers;

WHEREAS, the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill has yet to be approved by lawmakers amidst decades of state fascism and dissent from the peasantry;

WHEREAS, the worsening economic conditions in the current context add a burden to the already harsh conditions being faced by the farmers;

WHEREAS, under the Marcos-Duterte regime, state-enforced killings of farmers and peasants have only worsened along with the increase in cases of land grabbing, with 22 massacre cases and 344 farmers killed just under the Duterte regime;

WHEREAS, an example of this failure is the current situation of Hacienda Malaga in La Castellana Negros Occidental where out of more than 100 beneficiaries, only 44 remain to till their land today;

WHEREAS, last 2018, nine farmers including two minors in Sagay City, Negros Occidental were massacred by armed men during their land occupation;

WHEREAS, last 2022, 87 peasants, farmers, and land advocates were arrested and illegally detained for their Bungkalan Activity in Tinang, Tarlac;

WHEREAS, in an article published in the 2023 first semester issue of Pagbutlak, Tay John, chairperson of the Alyansa sang mga Mangunguma sa Miagao (AMM) and a council member of Paghugpong sang mga Mangunguma sa Panay kag Guimaras (PAMANGGAS) said that they opposed the defective CARPER in both the island and the countryside;

WHEREAS, farmers and peasants march every year to protest and call for genuine land reform and to end state fascism;

WHEREAS, mainstream media stories highlighting the resiliency of farmers and peasants alike have long been told and promote no positive outcome for the farmers, rather these must be told in a scientific and humanizing way;

WHEREAS, the stories of struggles and reality of the CARP and CARPER beneficiaries are yet to be told, humanized, and understood;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UP Solidaridad take proactive measures in intensifying the campaign to demand genuine land reform by mobilizing its member publications to expose, report, and feature the stories of former CARP and CARPER beneficiaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student publications should put emphasis on humanizing the lived experiences of CARP and CARPER beneficiaries through candid narrations, casual interviews, and archiving of their narratives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student publications work closely with human rights groups to comprehensively cover cases involving CARP and CARPER beneficiaries;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that student publications should remain closely in contact with CARP and CARPER beneficiaries, and integrate in different farming and peasant

communities so that these publications would be able to forward and amplify the calls for the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARB).