

JOINT DECLARATION

We, _____, _____, _____, _____,
and _____, under oath, hereby declare:

1. That we are Filipino citizens and registered voters of the Republic of the Philippines;
2. That we invoke our right of initiative under Article XVII, Sections 2 and 4 of the 1987 Constitution and the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 6735;
3. That we advocate the adoption of the proposed amendments to the 1987 Constitution embodied in the attached annex consisting of twelve (12) pages;
4. That the proposition seeks to merge legislative and executive powers in one governing body with the broadest representation of the people, whereby the Senate and the Office of the President will be merged into Congress, which shall be comprised of district, regional and sectoral representatives, in order to promote unified political leadership, avoid institutional gridlocks and duplication of functions, establish collective responsibility and accountability, and democratize the selection process for chief executive and legislators, amending for this purpose Articles VI and VII of the 1987 Constitution, and providing for transitory provisions under Article XVIII;
5. That the reasons for the proposition are as follows:
 - (a) to establish the foundation for a strong republic;
 - (b) to streamline the bureaucracy for efficiency and economy;
 - (c) to provide checks and balances through collective accountability, by transferring executive powers from one (1) individual -- the President, as well as legislative powers from a small group of twenty-four (24) individuals -- the Senators, to a large body with the broadest representation of the people, comprised of all the district representatives, regional representatives and sectoral representatives;
 - (d) to avoid the institutional gridlock between the legislature and the chief executive, by consolidating the legislative and executive powers of government in one unified political body;
 - (e) to avoid the institutional gridlock and duplication of functions between the upper house (or Senate) and the lower house (or House of Representatives) of the legislature, by consolidating them in one unicameral body; and
 - (f) to democratize the selection process for chief executive and legislators, by replacing direct national elections at large, with direct local elections for legislators, coupled with indirect elections for chief executive (where the political party that gains the majority of the seats for legislators also gains the power to elect the chief executive);
6. That we authorize any one (1) of _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____, with full power of substitution, to represent us and act on our behalf in the preparation, execution, signing, circulation, and filing of the appropriate petition for initiative to amend the 1987 Constitution within a reasonable time from the execution of this declaration;
7. That this Joint Declaration and the attached annex shall serve as the common reference document for the full text of the proposed amendments which shall be the subject of the petition for initiative and the signature sheets.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me at _____ on _____,
by affiants as follows:

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