



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 43

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A BUREAU
THAT WILL FOCUS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE
AND ADDRESSING THE NEEDS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS
OF THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS WHO ARE VICTIMS
OF WAR AND VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides specifically under Article 2. Declaration of State Policies, Section 13. “The state recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.”

WHEREAS, the fundamental charter specifically under Article II, Sec. 14, which pronounces that “The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men.”

WHEREAS, the Republic Act No. 11054 specifically under Article IX. Basic Rights, Section 14. Rights of the Children. “The Bangsamoro Government shall respect, protect the rights of children especially orphans of tender age. They shall be protected from exploitation, abuse, or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental, shall be fully addressed. Bangsamoro policies and programs shall take into utmost consideration the best interest of children, and promote and protect the rights of children, youth and adolescents including their survival and development”;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 12 of Republic Act No. 11054 dictates, “that the Bangsamoro shall protect and uphold the fundamental rights of women, including the right to engage in lawful employment, and to be protected from exploitation, abuse or discrimination”;

WHEREAS, Orphans as defined by Meriam-Webster’s is a child deprived by death of one or usually both parents and one deprived of some protection or advantage;

WHEREAS, Widow is defined as a woman who has lost her spouse by death and usually not remarried;

WHEREAS, for the past conflicts that had transpired under the various territories of the then Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao countless families including women and children were displaced;

WHEREAS, the displaced children and widows out of conflict incurred traumatic experiences, physical suffering, wounded feelings, moral shock and mental anguishes and are vulnerable to violent extremism ideology due to clouded mental state;

WHEREAS, the children in conflict of war and women widowed by violence were deprived with access to education, food, decent shelter and other basic social services;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority through the mandate of the Constitution as well as the express provision of R.A. 11054 Bangsamoro Organic Law shall advance their holistic development and ensure the provision of basic services for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Parliament, to endeavor for the creation of the Bureau that will focus in promoting the welfare and addressing the needs, issues and concerns of the orphans and widows who are victims of war and violence.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the aforesaid Bureau is directly under the Ministry of Social Welfare and is mandated to take into account the conditions and status of orphans of war and the widows and provide basic services for them to include but not limited to: access to education and sports, nutritional supplements, hygiene and sanitation, psychological and mental health awareness, etc.


RESOLVED FINALLY, that the aforesaid Bureau is designed to take care of the orphans who are victims of war and women widowed by violence, shall provide for their physical, mental and social needs and to reintegrate them into the mainstream.

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