



**THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 167**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING UTMOST GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE FOR CERTIFYING TO THE NECESSITY OF THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 10121, ENTITLED: AN ACT RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO**

**WHEREAS**, prior to his election as President of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte billed himself as a unifying force and an unremitting advocate for the Bangsamoro's interest;

**WHEREAS**, the President has consistently advocated for greater autonomy and respect for the Bangsamoro people in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the President always underscores his solemn commitment to ensure his administration will never deny the Bangsamoro people the basic legal tools to chart their own destiny within the Constitutional framework of the Republic of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2018, R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao was signed into law by the President which served as a testament to his political will and commitment;

**WHEREAS**, it can be recalled that prior to the enactment of R.A. 11054, the bill was certified as urgent, paving the way for the speedy passage of the measure in the Congress;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of R.A. No. 11054, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority was created to serve as the interim government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during the transition period;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4, Article XVI of R.A. No. 11054 provides for the functions and priorities of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority which include among others the enactment of priority legislations such as the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, Bangsamoro Revenue Code, Bangsamoro Electoral Code, Bangsamoro Local Government Code, Bangsamoro Education Code, and Bangsamoro Civil Service Code;

**WHEREAS**, the political track, normalization track, and transition plan were hampered by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 placing the whole world in emergency where the priority has focused on economic recovery and containing health emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro people called for the extension of the transition period by postponing the BARMM election to 2025 to allow the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to fulfill its mandate and duties in achieving long-term peace and prosperity in the Bangsamoro Region;

**WHEREAS**, the extension period will pave the way for the national government to implement its commitment as espoused in the Peace Agreement it signed with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Bangsamoro Government will be able to finish its task as specified in the Peace Agreement and the Bangsamoro Organic Law;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the situation and putting primary consideration in the continuity of the gains of lasting peace, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte certified the necessity of the immediate enactment of the bill postponing the BARMM's first regular elections:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to commend and express its utmost gratitude to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 10121, entitled: An Act Resetting the First Regular Elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Amending for the Purpose Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to forward this Resolution to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, for information.

**ADOPTED**, Safar 13, 1443/September 21, 2021.

Certified Correct:

  
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Secretary-General

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Speaker

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