



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 170

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION AND MURDER COMMITTED AGAINST REPORTEDLY SOME MEMBERS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER (LGBTQ++) COMMUNITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU PIANG, MAGUINDANAO LAST SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19, 2021

WHEREAS, the right to life in Article II, Section 1 of Human Rights Act states that *“Everyone’s right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence in court following his conviction of a crime for which the penalty is provided by law”*;

WHEREAS, the Basic Rights in Article IX, Section 6 of R.A. No. 11054 otherwise known as Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that *“The Bangsamoro Government shall fully respect human rights”*;

WHEREAS, all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, beliefs or sexual preference have an equal right to live free from violence, persecution, discrimination and any form of humiliation. The State ensures that every person, without distinction, can enjoy these rights.

WHEREAS, killing is prohibited by all religions;

WHEREAS, separate attacks of attempted homicide and murder happened in the municipality of Datu Piang, Maguindanao on September 18 and 19, 2021 against eight (8) gay individuals and a lesbian respectively;

WHEREAS, the victims were playing volleyball when the bomb explosion occurred wounding seven (7) and killing one (1) who were reportedly members of LGBTQ++ community in the Barangay Poblacion area of Datu Piang, Maguindanao Province, the afternoon of September 18;

WHEREAS, on the evening of September 19, in the same municipality of Datu Piang, another member of the LGBTQ++ community, a lesbian, was shot dead and murdered in her own residence by an unidentified assailant;

WHEREAS, to protect the LGBTQ++ people just like every person in the Bangsamoro against illegal acts and prevent further discrimination, harassment, inhuman and unfair treatment, the Bangsamoro Government must pursue an investigation and prioritize establishing whether the victims were targeted on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government should develop a concrete action plan to stop violence due to prejudice and discrimination in all areas and spaces in BARMM territories;

WHEREAS, no one has the license to unfairly treat any person on the account of race, ethnicity, religion, beliefs or sexual preference. The freedom to choose particularly on sexual preference is internationally recognized and their rights are ought to be respected:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to condemn the violence, discrimination and murder committed against reportedly some members of the LGBTQ++ community in the Municipality of Datu Piang last September 18 and 19, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Bangsamoro Government through the Office to the Chief Minister and all other constituent Local Government Units of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall implement concrete measures to protect the rights of every person including the members of the LGBTQ++ community in all areas and spaces of the Bangsamoro territory.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Chief Minister and to the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government, for appropriate action.

ADOPTED, Safar 14, 1443/September 22, 2021.

Certified Correct:


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