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Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament)
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)
2nd Regular Session)

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 76

Submitted by the Committee on Indigenous Peoples Affairs

Re: Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Proposed Resolution No. 199
 Recommending for its approval with amendments
Author: MP Romeo C. Saliga

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Indigenous Peoples Affairs to which was referred

BTA Proposed Resolution No. 199 entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO DEPUTIZE MEMBERS OF THE NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NMIPs) AS FOREST GUARDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OR ANCESTRAL DOMAINS”

has been deliberated and respectfully recommending for its approval with amendments hereunder stated, to wit:

1. Amend the title of the proposed resolution to read as follows:

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO DEPUTIZE THE INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE NON-MORO AND MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE PROTECTION AND THE PRESERVATION OF FORESTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OR ANCESTRAL DOMAINS.

2. Amend the wherefore clause to read as follows:

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to earnestly request the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) to deputize the Indigenous Political Structures of the non-Moro and Moro Indigenous Peoples in the protection and preservation of forests, including the deployment of cultural forest guards, within their respective areas or ancestral domains, subject to such terms of reference as may be agreed upon by and between the aforesaid Ministry and the respective indigenous political structures, cognizant of the guidelines, rules and regulation on the employment and deployment of forest guards and the respective cultural traditions and practices of Indigenous Peoples and Communities.

The BTA Proposed Resolution No. 199 is attached to this Committee Report.




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Respectfully submitting,


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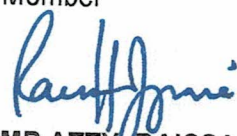
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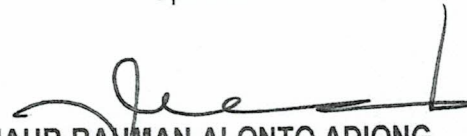


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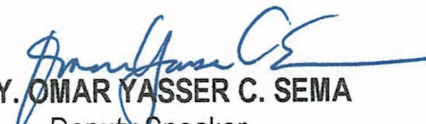
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RESOLUTION NO. 199

Introduced by:

Hon. Member of the Parliament ROMEO C. SALIGA

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO DEPUTIZE THE INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE NON-MORO AND MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE PROTECTION AND THE PRESERVATION OF FORESTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OR ANCESTRAL DOMAINS

Whereas, without doubts, the remaining forest within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) must be protected and developed;

Whereas, record reveals rampant timber cutting are committed by illegal loggers to the detriment our ecosystem and generations to come;

Whereas, **Section 22 of Article II of the Philippine Constitution of 1987** provides *The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development;*

Whereas, **Section 9 of Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054)** provides *Rights of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples. - The Bangsamoro Government shall recognize and promote the rights of non-Moro indigenous peoples within the framework of the constitution and national laws;*

Whereas, as part of the Normalization Process, the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE-BARMM) is recruiting Palaw Rangers composed mostly of Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF) to help in the protection and preservation of our natural resources in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BIAF). In fact, 400 former members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, now Palaw Rangers, had participated in a capacity training of MENRE-BARMM for tree planters and forest rangers for the Integrated Bangsamoro Greening Program (IBGP);

Whereas, the Indigenous Political Structures (IPS) of every NMIPs within BARMM has its own guards, since time immemorial, who are in charge for the protection and preservation of their ancestral domains including the natural resources therein. To name a few, *behani* for the Erumanen ne Menuvu, *agubalang* for the Dulangan Manobo, *dyaga talon* for Teduray and *bantay banwe* for the Blaan; and

Whereas, history reveals that entrance of migrant settlers results to conflicts and skirmishes leading to the displacements of the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples from their areas or domains;

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to earnestly request the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) to deputize the Indigenous Political Structures of the non-Moro indigenous peoples in the protection and preservation of forests, including the deployment of cultural forest guards, within their respective areas or ancestral domains, subject to such terms of reference as may be agreed upon by and between the aforesaid Ministry and the respective indigenous political structures, cognizant of the guidelines, rules and regulation on the employment and deployment of forest guards and the respective cultural traditions and practices of Indigenous Peoples and Communities.

Approved.

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