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Bangsamoro Transition Authority
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RESOLUTION NO.: 161

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RESOLVE THE ARMED CONFLICT IN THE AREAS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN MAGUINDANAO PROVINCE IN AID OF LEGISLATION.

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to section 22 of Article II of the 1987 Philippines Constitution, recognizes constitutionally the existence and the rights of the indigenous peoples. It directs the state to promote their rights within the framework of national unity and development. Thus, the state is bound to consider the customs, traditions, beliefs and interest of indigenous peoples in the formulation and implementation of state policies and programs.

WHEREAS, Republic Act no. 8371, known as "The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA), An Act to recognize, protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples. And Section IX of Article IV of Republic Act no. 11054, provide that the Bangsamoro Government shall recognize and promote the rights of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the framework of the constitution and national laws.

Whereas, Section 6 of Article II of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) provides "*Promotion of Unity*. - The Bangsamoro Government shall promote unity, peace, justice, and goodwill among all peoples, as well as encourage a just and peaceful settlement of disputes.";

WHEREAS, Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples of Maguindanao province such as Teduray, Lambangian, Manubo Dulangan, among others, are in actual possession of their ancestral domain (fusaka Inged) since time immemorial. However, there were some families and clans displaced due to occurrences of warring parties in this IP communities. For security reasons, the affected communities relocated to safer grounds but without intention to abandon their right to native title to their Fusaka Inged as protected by the Bangsamoro Organic Law and R.A.8371.

WHEREAS, the foregoing IP communities were dismayed to discover that there are individuals (non-IPs and non-members of the community) holding land titles over areas within

their ancestral domains/Fusaka Inged. Reports of harassment against the IPs has aggravated the situation, and resulted to arm confrontations. This incident has cost the lives of many IP leaders and members including non-IP residents which remained unresolved up to this time according to the Police Report of South Upi, Maguindanao. The advent of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, made the IP communities hopeful to enjoy greater protection and recognition of their rights to fusaka inged, among others.

WHEREAS, to resolve and arrest the escalations of atrocities in the IP communities and to protect the lives of innocent civilians, it is imperative therefore, to conduct thorough investigation and provide appropriate action for the just and peaceful settlement of conflicts in Barangay Kuya, South Upi, Maguindanao, Sitio Sefe-eng, Sitio Popo, of Barangay Pillar, South Upi, sitio Daafute, Barangay Ahan, Guindulungan, all of Maguindanao Province, in aid of Legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to request the leadership of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, Committee on Social Services, and Committee on Indigenous Peoples Affairs to conduct thorough investigation and provide solution to resolve this conflict.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to hereby furnish a copy of this resolution to Honorable P. Hussein Muños, Honorable Raissa H. Jajurie and Honorable Minister Melanio U. Ulama, OCM Compound, Cotabato City, with urgent appeal for immediate action and resolution of this conflict.

Adopted this _____.

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