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“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO COME UP WITH APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS AND MECHANISMS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE COMPLIANCE ON THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994 IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”

WHEREAS, It is declared policy of the national government under Article II, Section 9 of the Philippine Constitution that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all.

WHEREAS, Article II, Sections 10 and 11, further declared that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development; values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights. The State shall give priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children; and may design programs of social security for them.

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of the Constitution, the Philippine Government signed into law Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and Republic Act 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003" and "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" which provides additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens, respectively;

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of Republic Act 11054 otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure that every Filipino citizen in its territorial jurisdiction shall be provided with the basic necessities and equal opportunities in life. Social justice shall be promoted in all aspects of life and phases of development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 23 of RA 11054 also states that the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure the welfare of senior citizens by upholding their rights and providing the benefits and privileges they presently enjoy.

WHEREAS, senior citizens are one of the disadvantaged sectors of the society with special needs, whom were given utmost attention both by the National Government and the

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Bangsamoro Autonomous Government, However, despite the enactment and implementation of RA 9994, some senior citizens were deprived to enjoy the benefits and privileges provided in the law;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that some of the provisions of RA 9994 are not strictly enforced and/or complied with by some institutions and establishments in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, some of the issues and concerns confronting the implementation of RA 9994 are as follows: a) some Local Government Units (LGUs) failed to create the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA); b) some beneficiaries are not properly aware of their benefits and privileges depriving them of such because of the lack of information awareness; c) Non-compliance of some establishments (hospitals, groceries, pharmacies, and restaurants) and transport sectors on the provision of discounts for senior citizens; d) implementation of special programs for senior citizens as provided in the law, and e) others.

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is a need to address these issues/concerns by coming up with appropriate systems and mechanisms to strengthen implementation and monitoring of the compliance on the provisions of the law;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PARLIAMENT to request the Office of the Chief Minister and LGUs to come up with appropriate systems and mechanisms that will ensure implementation and monitoring of compliance to Republic Act No. 9994 in the BARMM;

RESOLVED FURTHER to request the office of Chief Minister to issue policies directing concerned ministries, agencies & offices and LGUs to strictly implement and monitor compliance on provisions of RA 9994 in the BARMM areas by coming up with appropriate systems and mechanisms which include but not limited to the following: a) the conduct of intensive campaign and information ads about RA 9994 to widen awareness among beneficiaries and existing establishments and transport groups in the BARMM on the coverage of the law; b) creation of a Regional Coordinating and Monitoring Body to monitor strict compliance in the BARMM, and c) creation of OSCA, d) Monitoring System (database establishment of beneficiaries; regular data validation and reporting), and e) others.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be furnished to the Office of Chief Minister, Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and all concerned ministries/offices and agencies for information and appropriate action.

Adopted.


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