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Resolution No. 207

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**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE KARIYALA FESTIVAL (IN CELEBRATION OF ARAW NG WAO EVERY 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> DAYS OF FEBRUARY) OF WAO, LANA DEL SUR THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO BE ONE OF THE TOURISTS ATTRACTIONS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO.**

**Whereas**, Section 35, Article XIII of Republic Act No 11054<sup>1</sup>, *Tourism*. - The Bangsamoro Government shall promote tourism within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

**Whereas**, Bangsamoro Government may recommend the designation of tourism enterprise zones to the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as "*The Tourism Act of 2009*."

**Whereas**, the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos<sup>2</sup>.

**Whereas**, Section 3, Article V of Republic Act No. 11054<sup>3</sup> on General Welfare. The Bangsamoro Government shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare. Within its territorial jurisdiction, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among its residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants.

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<sup>1</sup> REPUBLIC ACT No. 11054, An Act Providing for the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6734, Entitled "An Act Providing for An Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," As Amended by Republic Act No. 9054, Entitled "An Act to Strengthen and Expand the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao"

<sup>2</sup> REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY FOR TOURISM AS AN ENGINE OF INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

**Whereas**, as included by the Interim Chief Minister 12 Point Agenda, to explore and harness economic potentials and comparative advantages to include Halal industry, the Ligawasan Marsh, watersheds, potential tourist destinations, and other natural resources to boost the economic development of the Bangsamoro.

**Whereas**, Kariyala festival is a ceremonial gatherings and merry making for a bountiful harvest, being a municipality of vast agricultural lands suitable for all kinds of agricultural crops, it is also a thanksgiving for peace, prosperity, unity and progress to the Almighty<sup>4</sup>.

**Whereas**, Kariyala festival features the Kariyala Street Dancing, Kariyala Queen Night, Mutya ng Araw ng Wao, Drum and Bugle Competitions and many more activities in a week-long celebration of the said festivity.


**Whereas**, Wao is strategically located at the heart (center) of Mindanao. It is a landlocked municipality on the southeastern portion of Lanao del Sur Province. It is surrounded by Amai Manabilang, Lanao del Sur in the north and west, Kalilangan, Bukidnon in the east, and Banisilan, North Cotabato in the south<sup>5</sup>.

**Whereas**, Wao is considered as one of the melting pots in the south. Wao populace consists of various tribes coming from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao such as the Ilocanos, Batangenos, Ilongos, Warays, Cebuanos, Lumads, Maranao, Iranons, Maguindanaons, and Tausugs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament through the Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry that:

- Kariyala Festival of Wao, Lanao del Sur be recommended as one of the tourist attractions within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority.
- Kariyala Festival will contribute in boosting the economic progress of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao through promoting tourism industry which will aggrandize livelihood opportunities and development of local entrepreneur. Thus, the need to recommend the said tourist attraction is necessary.
- Kariyala Festival will enhance the socio-economic aspect and the general welfare and well-being of the people of Wao, Lanao del Sur and the inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao as a whole.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

  
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<sup>4</sup> <http://tourismamm.blogspot.com/2013/03/the-municipality-of-wao-in-lanao-del-sur.html>  
<sup>5</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wao,\\_Lanao\\_del\\_Sur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wao,_Lanao_del_Sur)

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