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**RESOLUTION PREPARING THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY  
TO FOCUS ON THE PRIORITY CODES**

**WHEREAS**, 76 members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority were appointed on February 22, 2019, and on March 29, 2019, the inauguration of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao took place;

**WHEREAS**, Article XVI, section 3 of the Republic Act No. 11054 entitled Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that:

*“Legislative and executive powers in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region during transition shall be vested in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. During the transition period, executive authority shall be exercised by the interim Chief Minister who shall be appointed by the President as such, while legislative authority shall be exercised by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.*

*All powers and functions of the Bangsamoro Government as provided in this Organic Law is vested in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority during the transition period.*

*For the purposes of mechanism for intergovernmental relations with the National Government and local government units in the Bangsamoro*

*Autonomous Region, The Bangsamoro Transition Authority shall be deemed as the Bangsamoro Government for the duration of the transition period.”;*

**WHEREAS**, as enshrined in the same Article, section 4 of the same law which mandates the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to ensure, among others, the accomplishment of the following priorities during the transition period:

*(a) Enactment of priority legislations such as the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, Bangsamoro Revenue Code, Bangsamoro Electoral Code, Bangsamoro Local Government Code, and Bangsamoro Educational Code consistent with the powers and prerogatives vested in the Bangsamoro Government by this Organic Law: Provided, That until the abovementioned laws are enacted, the Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25, otherwise known as the "Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Local Government Code," and subsisting laws on elections and other electoral matters shall apply in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.*

*The Bangsamoro Transition Authority may also enact a Bangsamoro Civil Service Code, as provided in this Organic Law, subject to the Constitutional mandate of the Civil Service Commission.*

*The Bangsamoro Transition Authority shall enact law to recognize, protect, promote, and preserve the rights of indigenous peoples in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Until the law enacted, subsisting regional laws on the indigenous peoples in the Bangsamoro shall be operational.*

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*(c) Organization of the bureaucracy of the Bangsamoro Government during transition, including the approval and implementation of a transition plan, and the institution of a placement process for hiring of personnel during transition. This also includes the setting up of office and other institutions necessary for the continued functioning of government and delivery of social services in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, as well as those necessary for the smooth operations of the first elected Bangsamoro Government in 2022.*

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*(g) Other matters that may be necessary for the protection and promotion of the general welfare of the constituents of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.”*

**WHEREAS**, in a statement on July 15, 2019 regarding the priority codes, Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim emphasized that, “The only way to realize the aspiration of the decade-struggle of the Bangsamoro people is to be able to achieve the changes we want in the governance,” and that the passing of the priority codes are necessary for the smooth operations of the Bangsamoro government and is an indication of true autonomy;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority shall draft their Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 during their Annual Planning on March 6-9, 2020 in Manila;

**WHEREAS**, considering that the priority Codes will eventually be submitted to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority this year, similar to the passage of the 2020 Appropriations Act, once the Codes are in play, it should take precedence for time in the plenary hall;

**NOW THEREFORE, be it**

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved that the Order of Business of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority for the remaining sessions should focus on agenda related to the priority Codes;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that in case session is adjourned early because of limited topics related to the priority Codes, that the remaining time of the day can be maximized for activities that will focus on legislating the priority Codes, Cabinet Bills and Resolutions and others matters that may be necessary for the protection and promotion of the general welfare of the constituents as well as for the transition of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

**Adopted,**

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