

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ALL CONCERNED MINISTRIES AND OFFICES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) TO PROVIDE NECESSARY AND SUSTAINABLE SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO ORPHANS AND WIDOWS OF WAR.**

**WHEREAS, Section 13, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution** declares that "The state recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.";

**WHEREAS, Section 3, Article 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution** which mandates "The State to defend the rights of the children to assistance and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development";

**WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law or R.A No. 11054** specifically on Sections 12, 13 and 14 of Article IX on Basic Rights provides as follows;

**Section 12. Protection of Women-** *The Bangsamoro Government Shall uphold and protect the fundamental rights of women, including the right to engage in lawful employment, and to be protected from exploitation, abuse, or discrimination, as embodied in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.*

**Section 13. Rights of the Youth-** *The Bangsamoro Government shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. X X X X"*

**Section 14. Rights of the Children-** *The Bangsamoro Government shall respect, protect and promote the rights of the children, especially orphans of tender age. X X X";*

**WHEREAS, enshrined under Presidential Decree No. 603** specifically on Article 1. Declaration of Policy. - The Child is one of the most important assets of the nation. Every effort should be exerted to promote his welfare and enhance his opportunities for a useful and happy life.  
X X X. Hence, his individual traits and aptitudes should be cultivated to the utmost insofar as they do not conflict with the general welfare. X X X

**WHEREAS, Section 2, RA 9710, otherwise known as "The Magna Carta for Women"** on Declaration of Policy expressly provides " Recognizing that the economic, political, and socio-cultural realities affect women's current condition, the





State affirms the role of women in nation building and ensures the substantive equality of women and men. It shall promote empowerment of women and pursue equal opportunities for women and men and ensure equal access to resources and to development results and outcome. X X X X” ;

**WHEREAS**, Orphans are those Eighteen (18) years old or below, who are victims of war and violence, have lost their parent/s on account of such, who as a consequence become dependent on their relatives for support and care and are below or in the poverty line. While Widows are those women who have lost their legitimate spouses in war or violence and have not remarried;

**WHEREAS**, there are no official figures on the number of orphans affected by the wars in Mindanao caused by the general lack of service facilities for abandoned, neglected, and orphaned children. Countless unreported orphans are staying in privately owned Orphanages in the region relying on donations and benevolence from others. Thus, as *Parens Patriae* (Father of the nation) the government through the Ministries should intervene; to check the conditions of these Orphans and Widows and provide them immediate assistance;

**WHEREAS**, these orphans and widows as identified by recent study and research conducted by The Asia Foundation are in need of physical safety and security, socio-economic needs, educational needs, emotional and spiritual needs as well as access to justice and as of to date insofar as existing government projects/programs and interventions there is a noticeable need for a comprehensive assessment and database gathering relative to the creation of integrated and sustainable program/projects responsive to their needs.

**WHEREAS**, the provision of social services, basic necessities and education for the Orphans and the Widows are part and parcel of the mandate for the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) in coordination with Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC), Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC).

**WHEREAS**, livelihood assistance and employment for the widows to expose them to possibilities of entrepreneurship, commerce and employment opportunities. Education and skills development training are likewise important in capacitating them are part of the mandate of Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism (MTIT) and Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE)


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, as it hereby resolved, to **CALLING ALL CONCERNED MINISTRIES AND OFFICES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) TO PROVIDE NECESSARY AND SUSTAINABLE SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO ORPHANS AND WIDOWS OF WAR.**



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