

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF DIMAPATUY WATERSHED THAT SUPPLIES POTABLE WATER TO COTABATO CITY AND SOME PARTS OF MAGUINDANAO PROVINCE

WHEREAS, SECTION 16, Article II of the Constitution elucidates that, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.";

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article V of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides "Sec.2. Powers of the Bangsamoro Government. – Subject to Section 20, Article X of the Constitution and this Organic Law the Bangsamoro Government shall exercise its authority over the following matters without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Philippines:

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ccc) Water supply and services, flood control, and irrigation systems.

WHEREAS, Sec. 9 Art. XIII of Republic Act No. 11054 expounds that "The management and protection of nature reserves and aquatic parks, forests, watershed reservations, and other protected areas in the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro that have already defined by and under authority of the National Government shall be transferred to the Bangsamoro Government. X X X"

WHEREAS, Sub Par. i. Par. 3. Section 447 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government stipulates that (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

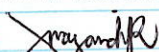
WHEREAS, contaminated water can transmit diseases such diarrhoea, cholera, dysentery, typhoid, and polio. Contaminated drinking water is estimated to cause 485 000 diarrhoeal deaths each year.

WHEREAS, The Dimapatoy River has been the source of water supply for the residents of Cotabato City for a long time. It likewise supply the area of Datu Odin Sinsuat Municipality and some parts of Upi Maguindanao and is a strategic and integral part in the day-to-day lives of the people living in that area.

WHEREAS, there is a need to preserve the quality of water of the Dimapatoy River being the source of drinking water, necessary for business operations, cleanliness and sanitation and for the promotion of public health in general.;

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WHEREAS, raising awareness of the community, sustainable tree planting endeavors and constant assessment of the water condition and the surroundings is a condition sine qua non to ensure a clean and preserved watershed.

WHEREAS, interventions from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources with the concerned Local Government Units through the Ministry of Interior and Local Government are indispensable agencies in the preservation, conservation and protection of Dimapatoy Watershed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, as it is hereby resolved, to **CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF DIMAPATUY WATERSHED THAT SUPPLIES POTABLE WATER TO COTABATO CITY AND SOME PARTS OF MAGUINDANAO PROVINCE**

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