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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

Second Regular Session

Proposed Resolution No. 299

Introduced by BTA Member **Atty. Maisara Cudia Dandamun-Latiph**

RESOLUTION

**CALLING FOR STRICTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9275, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE
CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004 IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS
REGION**

WHEREAS, Section 22, Article XIII of R.A. No. 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall have exclusive powers over inland waters, including lakes, marshes, rivers, and tributaries within its territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article III of R.A. No. 11054 provides that inland waters such as lakes, rivers, river systems, and streams within its territorial jurisdiction shall form part of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (Republic Act No. 9275) aims to protect the country's water bodies from pollution from land-based sources (industries and commercial establishments, agriculture and community/household activities);

WHEREAS, the same law provides for a comprehensive and integrated strategy to prevent and minimize pollution through multi-sectoral and participatory approach involving all the stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned law provides for the management of water quality based on watershed, river basin or water resources region;

WHEREAS, the management is localized and consists of multi-sectoral governing boards established to manage water quality issues within their jurisdiction and composed of representatives of mayors and governors as well as local government units, representatives of relevant national government agencies, duly registered non-government organizations, the concerned water utility sector and the business sector;

WHEREAS, the same law mandates that all sources of sewage and septic system are required to comply with certain requirements;

WHEREAS, among others, the Act prohibits discharging or depositing any water pollutant to the water body, or such which will impede natural flow in the water body; discharging, injecting or allowing to enter into the soil, anything that would pollute groundwater; operating facilities that discharge regulated water pollutants without the valid required permits; disposal of potentially infectious medical waste into sea by vessels; unauthorized transport or dumping into waters of sewage sludge or solid waste; transport, dumping or discharge of prohibited chemicals, substances or pollutants listed under Toxic Chemicals, Hazardous and Nuclear; Wastes Control Act (Republic Act No. 6969); discharging regulated water pollutants without the valid required discharge permit pursuant to this Act; noncompliance of the LGU with the Water Quality Framework and Management Area Action Plan;

WHEREAS, in a press conference during the National Science and Technology Week at the SMX Convention Center Davao, Dr. Hernando Bacosa, an environmental chemistry and microbiology expert with a broad interdisciplinary background in molecular genetics and environmental sciences, feared that the lake Lanao would become a “dead zone,” a lake that is no longer habitable for marine creatures if no conservation measures would be implemented;

WHEREAS, he also emphasized that pollutants in the lake include discharges from households like detergents and kitchen wastes, which are rich in nitrate and phosphate that promote overgrowth of bacteria and phytoplankton;

WHEREAS, aside from Lake Lanao, there are other bodies of water within the Bangsamoro Region which remain unprotected;

WHEREAS, Section 8, Article XIII of R.A. No. 11054 states that the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and development of forests, coastal, and marine resources, including the adoption of programs and projects, to ensure the maintenance of ecological balance and biodiversity shall be given priority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, for the Bangsamoro Parliament, **TO CALL FOR STRICTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9275, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004 WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION**

Adopted,


ATTY. MAISARA DANDAMUN-LATIPH
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