

Republic of the Philippines
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO
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Cotabato City

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 320

Introduced by: **HON. BAINON G. KARON**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD AND
SUPPORTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF GIRLS' RIGHTS IN THE BANGSAMORO
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARM)**

WHEREAS, on 19 December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 declaring October 11 as the **International Day of Girl Child** (also called **International Day of the Girl; Day of Girls**) to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world;

WHEREAS, the International Day of Girl Child publicly recognizes the vulnerable positions of girls worldwide and endorses their protection and promotion as equal citizens in every country;

WHEREAS, the observance of International Day of Girl Child shall focus attention on the need to create more opportunity for girls and raise awareness on unique challenges and issues faced by them worldwide based upon their gender, such as access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, protection from discrimination, violence against women and child, early and forced marriage;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9710 also known as the **Magna Carta of Women** mandated the protection of girl-children by the State, thus:



'SEC. 32. Protection of Girl-Children. – (a) The State shall pursue measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against girl-children in education, health and nutrition, and skills development.

(b) Girl-children shall be protected from all forms of abuse and exploitation.' xxx

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government reaffirms the protection and promotion of rights of children, hence¹:

'Section 14. Rights of Children. - The Bangsamoro Government shall respect, protect and promote the rights of children, especially orphans of tender age. They shall be protected from exploitation, abuse or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental, shall be protected from exploitation, abuse, or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental shall be fully addressed.

Bangsamoro policies and programs shall take into utmost consideration the best interest of children, and promote and protect the rights of children, youth, and adolescents, including their survival and development.

The Bangsamoro Government and its constituent local government units shall provide for adequate funding and effective mechanisms for the implementation of this policy.'

WHEREAS, girls should be recognized for their positive and transformative role in shaping the society and for overcoming obstacles of gender equality;

WHEREAS, with this year's theme, *'My voice, our equal future'*², the International Day of Girl Child 2020 shall focus on the following:

1. Girls living free from sexual and gender-based violence and other harmful practices;
2. Girls learning new skills towards the futures they choose; and
3. Girls leading as a generation of activists accelerating social change.

¹ Section 14, Article IX, Republic Act No. 11054

² unicef.org

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the **BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT –**

1. **RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD;**
2. **REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO END DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRL-CHILD, ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, AND PURSUE POLICIES THAT GUARANTEE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE, MEASURABLE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT SEEKS TO ACHIEVE GENDER JUSTICE AND THEIR EMPOWERMENT; and**
3. **ENCOURAGES ALL MINISTRIES, AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BARMM TO OBSERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FROM THIS YEAR ONWARDS.**

Adopted,


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