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**RESOLUTION**

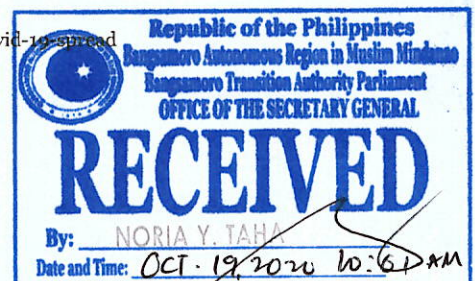
**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN THE ALARMING INCREASE OF COVID-19 CASES AMONG FRONTLINERS AT THE DATU HALUN SAKILAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DHSMH) WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM MEASURES TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THE OCCURRENCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, healthcare providers are considered the first line of defense against COVID-19 pandemic, assuming a critical role in ensuring the protection and safety of communities through healthcare services;

**WHEREAS**, seventy two (72) health care providers, including eight (8) doctors, stationed in Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital (DHSMH), a government hospital in Bongao Town, Tawi-Tawi Province, were reported to have contracted the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19);<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, DHSMH was temporarily closed following the incident, as requested by the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) of Tawi-Tawi;

<sup>1</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1341251/tawi-tawi-hospital-shut-down-amid-covid-19-spread>



**WHEREAS**, hospitals are considered a place of refuge for all persons that needs clinical and medical attention;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the continuous delivery of healthcare services, the healthcare providers must always be protected from any illnesses and injuries, especially within the premises of their workplace and in the conduct of their duties;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the gravity of the incident as well as its implications in combating pandemic and in the confidence of the public on healthcare institution, there is an urgent need to review the vents that transpired leading to the contagion;

**WHEREAS**, the containment of the COVID-19 is a collective responsibility, and that there is a need to look into the possible lapses, including in the support of other related entities;

**WHEREAS**, such incident merit immediate attention to mitigate the possible worsening of the health crisis in the said province;

**WHEREAS**, a letter from the DHSMS administration dated September 17, pleading for help from the Bangsamoro Government, identified several points by which key entities can contribute in the fight against COVID-19 in the province;

**WHEREAS**, the same letter added, “we fear not only for [our] families, but for our patients as well [...] how can we continue serving if our safety is compromised.”;

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent to listen to give attention to the sacrifices of our healthcare workers, and provide a platform for their grievances to harness an environment of cooperation in battling the crisis. As the government, we must ensure that our healthcare workers receive the support they need;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

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*Adopted,*

  
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