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RESOLUTION

INSTITUTIONALIZING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (MSSD) A FRAMEWORK OF REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEAF COMMUNITY, IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION.

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article V, provides for the powers of the Bangsamoro Government which include exercising authority over development programs for differently-abled persons¹;

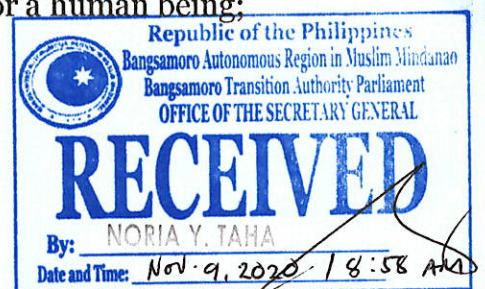
WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government endeavors and commits itself to fully respect human rights²;

WHEREAS, the Magna Cart of Disabled Persons (1992)³ defines disabled persons as those who are suffering from restriction or different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being;

¹ Article V, Section 2, R.A. No. 11054

² Article IX, Section 6, R.A. No. 11054

³ RA 7277



WHEREAS, according to the Philippine Statistic Authority 2010 census, there was a recorded 1.44 million differently-abled persons in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the human rights of differently-abled persons and Deaf persons are enshrined in the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), ratified by the Philippines as State Party (2008), R.A. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities (1992), the Batas Pambansa 344 (1982) or the Accessibility Law, among other Human Rights instruments, laws, statutes, and administrative issuances;

WHEREAS, just in 2018, R.A. 11106 or the first ever comprehensive Filipino Sign Language Act was enacted⁴;

WHEREAS, despite the existence of these laws, there are still many gaps considering many of these laws are outdated and remained un-amended, while there is yet a comprehensive framework for differently-abled persons in the Bangsamoro region

WHEREAS, the needs and rights of differently-abled persons are intersectional crossing over issues such as gender, age, socio-economic status, and ethnicity, among others;

WHEREAS, there is a distinct lack of representation of differently-abled persons in multiple levels of decision-making in the Bangsamoro and this should be immediately remedied;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a centralized agency within the MSSD devoted to the concerns of differently-abled persons and ensuring that all ministries, agencies, and offices in the Bangsamoro integrates a DAP component into their strategic plans, for example, ensuring that the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) ensures the accessibility of all persons in its infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, it is concerning to note, that based on the Concluding Observations of the initial report of the Philippines submitted to the Committee on the Right of Persons with Disabilities as mandated under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2018), the high incidences of violence and sexual violence against deaf girls and boys with disabilities⁵;

WHEREAS, in relation to the above, the MSSD may consider a joint cooperation with the Bangsamoro Women Commission to address this issue;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formulate of accessibility standards including a

⁴ R.A. 11106

⁵ *Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Concluding Observations on the Initial Report of the Philip- pines. 2018.*

sign language interpreting system for the Deaf, as well as all other needed accessibility measures for all persons with disabilities, prioritizing the areas of **health, information, and employment** because of the current health crisis;

WHEREAS, calling on the Bureau of Public Information and all ministries, especially the Ministry of Health (MOH) considering the on-going health crisis, to ensure that all information materials and videos incorporate sign language interpreting system for the Deaf through, though not limited to, the following: the usage of subtitles and employing Deaf Interpreters;

WHEREAS, on the part of the Bangsamoro Parliament and constituent Local Government Units (LGUs), it is highly recommended that Deaf Interpreters be employed in order to ensure the full and true representation of Deaf members of the community;

WHEREAS, the MSSD is tasked to develop and implement guidelines on the operationalization and mobilization of programs for differently-abled persons, Deaf persons, persons with special needs, and their families;

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

INSTITUTIONALIZING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (MSSD) A FRAMEWORK OF REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEAF COMMUNITY, IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION.

Adopted,


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