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Resolution No. 344

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE LAKE LANAO WATERSHED REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE (LLWRDMTF) THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO BE ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER, HONORABLE AHOD B. EBRAHIM, AS THE LEAD OFFICE TO ENSURE PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, PRESERVATION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF LAKE LANAO WATERSHED AREAS AND IMMEDIATELY RELATED ENVIRONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the Republic Act (RA) No. 11054 also known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) explicitly provided sustainable development in the BARMM region as stipulated in Section 2 Article XIII which states that:

Section 2. Equitable and Sustainable Development. - In order to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants, the development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be carefully planned taking into consideration the ecological balance and the natural resources that are available for its use and for the use of future generations.

The Bangsamoro Government shall promote the effective use of economic resources and endeavor to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development, and social justice.

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority formulates development efforts and adoption of various resolutions to entrench the 12-Point Agenda reflected on the Eight (8) Development Goals of our Bangsamoro Development Plan;



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WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) is rich in natural resources such as water resources, which if properly managed, harnessed and utilized, will redound to the greater interest of the people and the national, regional and local governments:

WHEREAS, there are important development programs, contained in the Bangsamoro Development Plan which are meant to introduce much needed reforms and guarantee progress in the territorial jurisdiction of the BARMM in terms of socioeconomic growth and balanced healthy ecology;

WHEREAS, most of the forest areas in the Lake Lanao watershed areas have been continuously denuded due to kaingin, illegal firewood and furniture businesses, and illegal logging:

WHEREAS, the socioeconomic and cultural conditions of most of the people living in the watershed areas and lake shore are affected by floods and water fluctuation of the lake elevation respectively thus destroy their economic living;

WHEREAS, the National Power Corporation has been utilizing and exploiting the water resources of Lake Lanao for energy generation that contributed more than sixty (60) percent of power supply in Mindanao, thereby generating a revenue of tens of billions of pesos monthly;

WHEREAS, the BARMM and the National Government shall work hand in hand in the protection, preservation, rehabilitation and proper management of the Lake Lanao and its watershed and waterways including Agus river and other immediately related environs such as Lake Dapao;

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the Bangsamoro Parliament begins preparation of Bangsamoro Appropriation Act (BAA) for 2021 proposal with consultations with the stakeholders and various ministries and offices of the BARMM;

WHEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED, that, in furtherance to the provisions of Bangsamoro Organic Law, the BARMM should create Lake Lanao Watershed Rehabilitation and Development Management Task Force (LLWRDMTF) through an Executive Order to be issued by the Office of the Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim, as lead office to ensure protection, preservation, and proper management of the Lake Lanao for social, cultural and economic growth and balanced ecology. The LLWRDMTF shall perform necessary functions that include the following, to wit:

- Plan and conduct survey, data gathering, assessment and study on matters pertaining to the protection, rehabilitation, preservation, and proper management of Lake Lanao watershed and water ways including Agus river and Lake Dapao;
- 2) Coordinate with concerned BARMM ministries, local government units of Lanao del Sur, and other national, regional, government-owned and controlled corporations, and local offices in furtherance of these policies and programs;

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- 3) Represent the BARMM, in consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), in its dealing with the various stakeholders of Lake Lanao management, as well as national and local offices, bureaus and task forces, concerning protection, preservation and development of Lake Lanao Watershed and its immediate environs;
- 4) Propose and implement viable socioeconomic, cultural, infrastructure programs and projects relevant to the protection, rehabilitation, preservation and enhancement of the Lake Lanao watershed and waterways, including Agus river and Lake Dapao;
- 5) Formulate, design and recommend organizational structure, plans, policies, programs, and projects to the Office of the Chief Minister; and
- 6) Perform other tasks and programs as may be deemed necessary by the competent authority;

RESOLVED FURTHER, as it is hereby RESOLVED, that Lake Lanao Watershed Rehabilitation and Development Management Task Force (LLWRDMTF) shall be headed by a Member of the Bangsamoro Parliament who has no concurrent executive position and designation in the BARMM government, and who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister, with the corresponding authority to hire co-terminous personnel to man the task force, in consultation with the Chief Minister, for proper management and administration of its programs and activities;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the LLWRDMTF shall be appropriated with a funds amounting to Eleven Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 11,500,000.00) which shall be included in the cabinet budget proposal for Bangsamoro Appropriation Act 2021 to be submitted by the Office of the Chief Minister to the BTA Parliament;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the LLWRDMTF shall be placed under the direct supervision of the office of the Chief Minister of the BARMM.

Done this _____ day of November 2020, at City/of Cotabato, BARMM, Philippines.

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