

Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
Cotabato City

**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**

Resolution No. 384

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PASSING HOUSE BILL 8249, DECLARING FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY.**

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives unanimously passed House Bill No. 8249 on January 26, 2021, with 203 members of the House of Representatives voting in favor, there being no negative votes or abstentions;

**WHEREAS**, the Bill was primarily sponsored by Representatives Ansaruddin Abdul Malik Adiong and Amihilda Sangcopan;

**WHEREAS**, every February 1 is the celebration of World Hijab Day;

**WHEREAS**, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, marked the first annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the hijab and live a life of modesty<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, we commend the sponsors of the House Bill for their initiative in pushing for the celebration of Hijab Day as a national celebration;

**WHEREAS**, we also strongly commend the House of Representatives for their progressive action which has a deeper meaning for all our Muslim brothers and sisters as a symbolic sign of camaraderie, understanding, and acceptance;

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<sup>1</sup> worldhijabday.com



**WHEREAS**, the national celebration of Hijab Day allows us to raise awareness on the discrimination faced by Muslims, which unfortunately still continues to exist today;

**WHEREAS**, every day is 'Hijab Day' for Muslims, however the national celebration allows for a greater consciousness on the national scale as to what exactly the hijab means for Muslims, that it is not just a piece of cloth nor is it something to be afraid of, but rather it is a way of life, sign of devotion, faith, and piety;

**WHEREAS**, it is always important to remind our brothers and sisters who may mean no harm but just do not know better not to let our pride be a source of prejudice;

**WHEREAS**, in line with the momentous move by the House of Representatives, we are also gently urging the Senate to pass the counterpart Senate Bill for the declaration of National Hijab Day in order for it to officially become a law;

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

**COMMENDING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PASSING HOUSE BILL 8249, DECLARING FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY.**

Adopted,

  
**Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph**  
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