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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BARMM-NORTH SULAWESI-SABAH HALAL TRADE CORRIDOR, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE, FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION, MECHANISM FOR CONSULTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND ADOPTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT FACILITATION POLICIES BETWEEN THE THREE CORRIDORS.**

**WHEREAS**, Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) is a cooperation initiative by the four national government to close the development gap within the BIMP-EAGA member countries. Its two main corridors, the West Borneo Economic Corridor and the Greater Sulu-Sulawesi Corridor, lie in the center of the historically important commercial routes in Southeast Asia.

**WHEREAS**, Halal Corridor is an enhanced network connecting new and established trade ecosystem with the infrastructure required to access market for halal goods and services. In general, the Halal Corridor proposition stands to ensure producers, manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers and retailers the right solution to enable their ability to meet demands. Specific to BARMM, other than its economic implication, it serves as gateway for continues flow of Halal products into our country through the autonomous region which will benefit the estimated eleven (11) million Bangsamoro in terms of access to source of culturally and religiously compliant products.

**WHEREAS**, economic corridor development is key driver of BIMP-EAGA's strategy. The 4th BIMP-EAGA endorsed the development of the economic corridors to better direct infrastructure investments to well-defined spaces in the subregion. It is intended to enhance the subregion's competitiveness by linking production with supply and value chains, as well as strengthening opportunities for SMEs in those production and distribution systems.

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sulu-Sulawesi Economic Corridor is a maritime corridor that is mainly delimited by the geography of the Sulu-Sulawesi Sea. It covers North Sulawesi in Indonesia, Sabah in Malaysia, and Mindanao and Palawan in the Philippines. By corridor value chains, it means cross-border investments along provinces of each of Trilateral Corridor (BARMM-North Sulawesi-Sabah). It includes industries that have opportunities to create corridor-wide supply



and production and whose development can increase scale of economies and reduced operating cost.

**WHEREAS**, the attainment of economic of scale through the development of the Trilateral Corridor is a strategy implied under the Bangsamoro Development Plan which stands to contribute to the attainment of the 7.6% growth target by year 2025. Furthermore,

**WHEREAS**, Mindanao's Halal Food Industry Development Plan is a major initiative under the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan. It specifically provide that the Autonomous Government be the Halal production base for the Philippines. RA 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law, provides legal and policy implementation mechanism to such initiative specifically mentioned under section 30, which states that, **the "Parliament shall enact laws to further strengthen its policy and programs on Halal Development."**

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of this Resolution, the proposed Halal Trade Corridors shall be established among the three regions of BARMM, North Kalimantan in Indonesia and Sabah in Malaysia specifically to be located as follows:

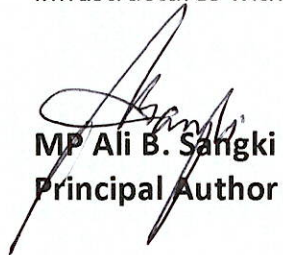
- 1. Polloc in the Province of Maguindanao, Bongao and Simunul in the province of Tawi-Tawi, BARMM**
- 2. Sandakan in Sabah, Malaysia**
- 3. Tarakan in North Kalimantan, Indonesia**

**WHEREFORE**, the presence of critical ingredients necessary for a successful Halal Trade Corridors development in the corridor regions- such as gateway ports and airport, logistic infrastructures, and enabling policy and regulatory environment, expanding market demands for Halal products and services would provide BARMM government best prospect in attaining its transition goal, economic growth target of 7.6% and in the preparation of the groundworks toward the development of Halal Economy.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BTA-PARLIAMENT** to direct the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism through its Bangsamoro Halal Board in collaboration with the BTA-PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERY AND AGRARIAN REFORM, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, THE BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, THE BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL and other relevant Committee and agencies whose presence thereto is necessary to operationalize mechanism of actions which shall cover the following:



1. Consultations among local stakeholders and Corridor partners.
2. Strategic planning through bilateral initiatives of Corridors' partner government.
3. Assessment of economic and cultural viability of the corridors.
4. Explore overall investment opportunities in the Corridor, emphasizing aspects of sub-regional framework, complementarities in the value chain production activities, logistics and other infrastructures within the three corridors.



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