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A RESOLUTION  
URGING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, IN COORDINATION WITH BARMM  
COMPONENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO  
INTENSIFY EFFORTS IN PROMOTING VACCINE CONFIDENCE IN THE  
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Organic Law mandates the Bangsamoro Government to provide, maintain and ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. It further recognizes a policy on health that provides for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for its constituents;

**WHEREAS**, as of 28 February 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that there have been 113,467,303 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, which include 2,520,550 deaths;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has reported more than 576,000 infections, including 12,318 deaths, the second-highest totals in Southeast Asia. Lockdowns and quarantine restrictions have set back the country's economy in one of the worst recessions in the region, and resulting to unemployment and hunger;

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2021, the Philippines received its first batch of COVID-19 vaccine from China-based Sinovac Biotech Ltd. totaling 600,000 doses of vaccine. The initial deliveries are a small fraction of at least 148 million doses, the government has been negotiating to secure from Western and Asian companies to vaccinate about 70 million Filipinos for free in a massive campaign;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine vaccine czar and National Task Force Chief implementer said that the first priority in the vaccination would be the frontline health workers, 2<sup>nd</sup> priority are the indigent senior citizens, 3<sup>rd</sup> priority are the remaining senior citizens, 4<sup>th</sup> priority are the remaining indigent population; and 5<sup>th</sup> priority are the uniformed personnel;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, however, a recent survey showed that a great number of Filipinos are still unwilling to have themselves vaccinated against the disease. Concerns about the safety of a vaccine was higher in Mindanao (78%) compared to other regions;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the number of respondents both unwilling and reluctant to receive a vaccine underscores the challenges health officials need to confront in boosting demand for the vaccine.

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<sup>1</sup> Tomacruz, Sofia. "PH to prioritize high-risk areas, sectors for COVID-19 vaccine rollout." Rappler. Accessed on March 1, 2021 at <https://www.rappler.com/nation/philippines-prioritize-high-risk-areas-sectors-covid-19-vaccine-deployment>

<sup>2</sup> Tomacruz, Sofia. "46% of adult Filipinos still unwilling to get vaccinated vs COVID-19." Rappler. Accessed on March 1, 2021 at <https://www.rappler.com/nation/octa-research-filipinos-covid-19-vaccine-willingness-february-2021>

**WHEREAS**, vaccines directly impact this pandemic than any fiscal or monetary stimulus, not only in terms of saving lives and protecting people, but also in laying a path to economic recovery;

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health, in coordination with other concerned agencies and the private sector, must address issues on vaccine hesitancy in the region, help dismiss misinformation and disinformation on COVID-19 vaccines, and intensify its efforts to advocate vaccination and increase vaccine confidence in the region;

**WHEREAS**, both the public and private sectors must target communications via text messages, the social media, radio and television to different segments of the population, and recognize the need to communicate in all major languages and dialects in the region;

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that all residents of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region have rapid and equitable access to the vaccines is not only morally right, but also offers the quickest way to end the crisis and put our economies on the road to recovery.

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region requires an intensive effort in building vaccine confidence, as a halal certification of vaccines is also a legitimate concern for the Bangsamoro people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to urge the Ministry of Health, in coordination with BARMM component local government units and the private sector, to intensify efforts in promoting vaccine confidence in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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