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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE BANGSAMORO DARUL-IFTA TO ISSUE *FATWA* ON WHAT CONSTITUTE *HALAL* CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AS *KHALIFA*, IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO MORAL GOVERNANCE.

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that “Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.”¹

WHEREAS, our Bangsamoro Administrative Code, in view of its adherence to Moral Governance, has considered public office as “*sacred* public trust.”²

WHEREAS, under the principles of Moral Governance, public officers and employees are required, at all times, not only to be accountable to the people but to the Almighty God;

¹ Article XI, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution

² Book I, Chapter 5, Section 17 of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, emphasis with italic supplied.

WHEREAS, public officers and employees in the BARMM are “*khalifa*” and, in public service, they shall act with the utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.³

WHEREAS, under the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, *khalifa* refers to a human as a vicegerent, trustee, steward of Allah (*Subhannahu Wa’ Taalah*) on earth as provided;

WHEREAS, both the Bangsamoro Organic Law and the Bangsamoro Administrative Code underscored *halal* but only in the context of regulation, development, and certification of food and non-food industry within the BARMM;

WHEREAS, *halal* should not be limited in that concept on food and non-food industry for purposes of development, certification, and regulation but *halal* should also encompass public officers and employees’ code of conduct and responsibility in the government in pursuant to the Bangsamoro Government affirmation that public office is a sacred public trust and that they as *khalifa*, they are trustee vicegerent, trustee, steward of Allah (*Subhannahu Wa’ Taalah*) on earth and specifically as public servant in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government should define the parameters on what constitute *halal* acts and conduct in the government;

WHEREAS, under the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, the Bangsamoro *Darul-Ifta* has the power to “[p]romulgate fatwa (religious edicts) pertaining to the whole breadth of Islamic jurisprudence;”⁴

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro *Darul-Ifta* can issue a *fatwa* that shall define what constitute *halal* acts and conduct of Bangsamoro officials and members, being *khalifa*, in pursuit of Moral Governance thereby affirming that public office is a sacred public trust;

WHEREAS, the *fatwa* that shall be issued by the Bangsamoro *Darul-Ifta* can be considered by the Bangsamoro Parliament for purposes of possible codification as Code of Bangsamoro Conduct in the Government.


³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Book IV, Title III, Chapter 3, Section 54 of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code.

NOW THEREFORE, be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta to issue *fatwa* on what constitute *halal* conduct of public officials and employees, in their capacities as *khalifa*, in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government pursuant to moral governance.

Adopted, _____.


ABDULLAHE B. HASHIM
Member of the Parliament