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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT TO CONSIDER IN THE BUDGET PREPARATION AND THE EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT THE RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE BTA MEMBERS AND FORMULATE THE NECESSARY STRUCTURE THEREFOR

WHEREAS, coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has created a global health crisis which placed everyone at risk;

WHEREAS, according to *worldometer* data, the Philippines have a total of 531, 699 coronavirus cases which resulted into the deaths of 10,997 persons;

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, that the Philippine Government reported the detection of the first case of the more contagious Covid-19 strain that recently emerged in the U.K.;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed the Organic Law for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on July 26, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao was ratified through a plebiscite on January 21, 2019;

WHEREAS, the eighty (80) appointed members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority took their oath of office on February 22, 2019 with the official turnover of the ARMM to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region on February 26, 2019;

WHEREAS, the membership in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority which is expected to last for more than two (2) years partly consists of officials who are older than 60 years;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, COVID-19 is often more severe in people who are older than 60 years placing them at highest risk;

WHEREAS, the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority are confronted by heavy work schedule as well as duties and responsibilities mandated by R.A. No. 11054 which involve frequent travels and meetings;

WHEREAS, the legal obligations of the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority demand performance and completion under pressure and deadline in view of the burden of initiating measures required by post-conflict transition and normalization in addition to the immeasurable expectation of the constituents and the National Government to provide smooth transition;

WHEREAS, there is no perfect approach to manage cases and outbreaks but there must be necessary interventions in order to avoid disruption of the significant role of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in the establishment of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, one way of securing and protecting the elderly members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority who are repository of the legal intent of the provisions of R.A. No. 11054 both with respect to the letters and spirit of its texts from contracting COVID-19 is to ensure that resources are available to maintain and sustain the observance of the protocols, the purchase of necessary equipment, and the administration of necessary tests to both BTA Members and their respective personnel within the workplace;

WHEREAS, the Senate and House of Representatives have their respective medical facilities which cater to the medical and health needs of the personnel of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, protection from COVID-19 is not the only health risk to be considered;

WHEREAS, the Members of Parliament, their staff, and all of the personnel of the Parliament may consider it a wise investment to establish and maintain a medical facility for the Bangsamoro Parliament;

WHEREAS, the proposed Bangsamoro Parliament Health Facility would be in charge of the health requirements of the abovementioned employees of parliament, such as for example, administering COVID testing and providing regular check-ups, among others, free-of-charge;

WHEREAS, this is a vital structure to be incorporated into the the Bangsamoro Parliament's structure since if any member of parliament falls sick, he or she may be unable to discharge his or her functions;

WHEREAS, good health is essential for the smooth running of the government;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health is also requested to give their expert opinion on how best to establish a health facility within the Bangsamoro Parliament structure;

WHEREAS, it is the Committee on Accounts and Audit which has the power to reorganize the Bangsamoro Parliament structure, and make the necessary appropriations for the establishment of a health facility for the Bangsamoro Parliament;

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

FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT TO CONSIDER IN THE BUDGET PREPARATION AND EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT THE RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE BTA MEMBERS AND FORMULATE THE NECESSARY STRUCTURE THEREFOR

Adopted,


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