

Republic of the Philippines  
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO  
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY  
Cotabato City

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 452



Introduced by **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BAINON G. KARON**

CO-AUTHORS: **MP Susana Salvador Anayatin, MP Sittie Shahara Mastura, MP Diamila Disimban-Ramos, MP Atty. Maisara Damdamun-Latiph, MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao, MP Mohammad Yacob and MP Mudjib C. Abu**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 2081 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 8249, BOTH "DECLARING FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING HIJAB"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

House Bill No. 8249 entitled '*An Act Declaring the First Day of February of Every Year as National Hijab Day and Promoting an Understanding of the Muslim Tradition of Wearing a Hijab*', authored by Representatives Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Datu Ronnie Q. Sinsuat, Jr., Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Deogracias Victor B. Savellano, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Godofredo N. Guya and Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A Adiong was filed on December 2020. It was approved in the House of Representatives on January 2021 and transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 2081 entitled '*An Act Declaring the First Day of February of Every Year as National Hijab Day and Promoting an Understanding of the Muslim Tradition of Wearing a Hijab*', authored by Senator Miguel F. Zubiri was introduced to the Senate on 2 March 2021 and hurdled the first reading on the next day. Together with House Bill No. 8249, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Cultural Communities and Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality.

The Bangsamoro Government, through the leadership of the Honorable Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, is implementing moral governance. Hence, it strongly promotes the proper wearing of *hijab* in the region. For two consecutive years since the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the BARMM was in solidarity with the celebration of the world hijab day every February 1st. If we have been supporting this worldwide observance, all the more that the Bangsamoro Government fully supports a bill designating a national hijab day passed by our esteemed colleagues from the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*In light of the foregoing, approval of this proposed Resolution is sought.*

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**WHEREAS**, the Almighty Allah has obliged Muslim women to “guard their modesty and not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof”<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the wearing of the *hijab*, in fulfilment of the said obligation, has become a symbol of respect and integrity for Muslim women all over the world;

**WHEREAS**, contrary to misconceptions, especially in western societies, where the *hijab* is unfairly associated to oppression and terrorism, Muslim women around the world wear the *hijab* with pride, honor, and dignity as a symbol of women empowerment and gender equality;

**WHEREAS**, in diverse societies such as the Philippines, a mutual understanding between and among people of varying beliefs and culture is the key to social cohesiveness for national unity, peace and development;

**WHEREAS**, **Senate Bill No. 2081** authored by Senator *Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*, and **House of Representatives Bill No. 8249** introduced by Representatives *Sangcopan, Balindong, Sinsuat, Dimaporo (M.K.), Savellano, Dimaporo (A.), Guya, Adiong, Hataman, and Nieto*, both “Declaring February 1 of Every Year as National *Hijab* Day and Promoting An Understanding of the Muslim Tradition of Wearing a *Hijab*”, are another milestones under the administration of President Rodrigo R. Duterte, whose political will led to the creation of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, in further strengthening the national understanding and consciousness on Islam and the Muslim Filipinos whose unique tradition and culture not only enrich the nation’s history, but also contribute to the country’s development and progress;

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<sup>1</sup> Verse 31, Chapter 24, The Holy Qur’an

**WHEREAS**, declaring February 1 of every year as National *Hijab* Day, when non-Muslim women will be encouraged to wear the *hijab*, will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of what it is to be a *mutahajjibah* (a woman wearing *hijab*) and will serve as an effective venue for dialogue between faiths and a catalyst for religious tolerance and harmony;

**WHEREAS**, the National *Hijab* Day is a fitting recognition of the role of the Filipino Muslim women in nation-building and their indispensable contribution to moral governance in all levels of the BARMM government;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government was, through the Bangsamoro Women Commission, invited as a resource speaker for the Technical Working Group of the Senate Committee on Cultural Communities for its position and further enhancement on the said bills. The committee meeting shall be held on 6 July 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Parliament lauds and strongly supports both bills and calls on the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to immediately pass the said legislation as an instrument of national unity and solidarity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**, to express the deepest gratitude and unequivocal support of the Bangsamoro Parliament to Senate Bill No. 2081 and House of Representatives Bill No. 8249, both "Declaring February 1 of Every Year as National *Hijab* Day and Promoting An Understanding of the Muslim Tradition of Wearing a *Hijab*".

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, to forward the foregoing Resolution to the Senate of the Philippines, through Honourable Senate President Vicente Sotto III, and the House of Representatives, through the Honourable Speaker Lord Allan Jay Velasco, copy furnished the Office of the BARMM Chief Minister and the Bangsamoro Women Commission, for information and appropriate consideration.

**ADOPTED,**



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