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RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has been exerting extraordinary effort to reduce the prevalence of drug use;

WHEREAS, the two primary ways of reducing the prevalence of drug use are by reducing the drug supply or reducing drug demand;

WHEREAS, drug addicts have developed behaviour and ways of thinking that both enable their addiction and discourage healthier habits;

WHEREAS, one of the main benefits of going to a rehab facility is the structure that it provides such as treatment programs that emphasize creating daily routines full of productive activities and counselling session to help keep patients engaged and eliminate distractions;

WHEREAS, the structure of rehabilitation establishes a simple daily schedule that makes sobriety a priority while maintaining a balanced lifestyle that patients can stick to post-treatment;

WHEREAS, the healing environment of rehabilitation offers the support needed to make a successful recovery;

WHEREAS, rehabilitation programs includes individualized treatment plans to help patients identify and overcome underlying issues that started their addiction;

WHEREAS, while the main priority of a rehab facility is to help patients overcome addiction, there is an abundance of other benefits of rehab such as learning the necessary tools for building a productive, healthy, and happy life;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) has officially launched a community-based reformation program known as “Balay Silangan” which builds temporary shelters to drug offenders with the objective of reforming them into self-sufficient and law-abiding members of society;¹

WHEREAS, the program is intended only for drug personalities who are not users and are not eligible to undergo medical treatment and rehabilitation in facilities supervised by the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, drug rehabilitation centres will be intended for users who are eligible to undergo medical treatment and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Supreme Court has described the effects of drugs and wrote in one of its decisions: “*Common knowledge that drug addicts become useless if not dangerous members of society and in some instances turn up to be among the living dead*”;

WHEREAS, the war on drugs has claimed many lives;

WHEREAS, rehabilitation is an option;

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

FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Adopted,


ATTX. MAISARA DANDAMUN-LATIPH
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¹ <https://pdea.gov.ph/2-uncategorised/839-pdea-officially-launches-balay-silangan-reformation-program>