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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) TO PRESENT BEFORE THE BTA PARLIAMENT A FULL BRIEFING ON ALL STATISTICAL DATA OBTAINED WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS AND BASIS IN FORMULATING MORE RESPONSIVE AND EFFECTIVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10625 otherwise known as the “*Philippine Statistical Act of 2013*”, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) was created which shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of administrative recording system, and compilation of national accounts for purposes of policy coordination¹;

WHEREAS, specifically Section 6 of the above Act mandates the PSA, among others, of the following, to wit:

- a. *Serve as the central statistical authority of the Philippine government on primary data collection;*
- b. *Prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry and other sectors of the economy;*
- c. *Collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the country’s economic, social, demographic, political affairs and general activities and condition of the people;*
- d. *Prepare and conduct statistical sample surveys on all aspects of socioeconomic life including agriculture, industry, trade, finance, prices and marketing information, income and expenditure, education, health, culture and social*

¹ Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10625. September 12, 2013. Retrieved from <https://psa.gov.ph/content/philippine-statistical-act-2013>

situations as well as the government and the political sector for the use of the government and the public;

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WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 352² enjoins the conduct of a census on a regular basis primarily to update the population count at the national level down to the barangay level. The designation of statistical activities³ that will generate critical data for decision-making of the Government and the private sector are also provided therein. Censuses/surveys on population, labor force and wages, income and expenditures, agriculture and fisheries are among the designated statistical activities stipulated therein;

WHEREAS, in adherence thereto, the PSA has entered into a data-sharing agreement⁴ with different national agencies in response to COVID-19. Latest is the agreement between Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the PSA on data sharing of death information records wherein the former shall provide the latter with electronic lists of identified members and their dependents which would then be matched with the statistics agency's death records⁵;

WHEREAS, in a press release dated July 8, 2021 on the official result of 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH)⁶ conducted by the PSA, BARMM was declared the fastest-growing region from 3,781,387 in the 2015 Population Census (POPCEN) to 4,404,288 recorded in the 2020 CPH (excluding Cotabato City, Isabela City, and 63 barangays in North Cotabato), which translates to an annual population growth rate of 3.26 percent. Accordingly, the 2020 CPH is the country's 15th Census of Population and the 7th Census of Housing since 1903⁷;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Batas Pambansa Bilang 72, the final population count as determined from the processed census returns shall be considered official for all purposes upon proclamation by the President⁸;

WHEREAS, considering the adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic, updated, accurate and straightforward statistical information will significantly provide the Bangsamoro Government a clear mechanism in formulating policies and programs including but not limited to the economic policy development, socio-economic growth and performance, characteristics of population, social situations and such other emerging demands of the Bangsamoro people;

² Section 1 of Executive Order No. 352 (Designated Statistical Activities That Will Generate Critical Data For Decision-Making Of The Government And The Private Sector). July 1, 1996. Retrieved from

https://psa.gov.ph/sites/default/files/attachments/gad/article/Executive%20Order%20No.%20352_0.pdf

³ https://dirp3.pids.gov.ph/pss/PSS_DOCS/NSCB%20DOCS/EO%20352%20annex%20-%20as%20of%202000.pdf

⁴ https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/webinars/docs/Wilma%20Ascano-Guillen_Philippines.pdf

⁵ <https://www.untvweb.com/news/philhealth-psa-sign-agreement-on-data-sharing-of-death-information-records/>

⁶ Proclamation No. 1179 (Declaring as Official the Population Count of the Philippines by Province, City/Municipality and Barangay Based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing Conducted by the Philippines Statistics Authority). July 6, 2021. Retrieved from

<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2021/07jul/20210706-PROC-1179-RRD.pdf>

⁷ <http://rssoarimm.psa.gov.ph/release/content/press/55691>

⁸ Section 8, Batas Pambansa Bilang 72 (An Act Providing for the Taking of an Integrated Census Every Ten Years Beginning the Year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty, and for Other Purposes). June 11, 1980. Retrieved from <https://psa.gov.ph/content/batas-pambansa-blg-72>