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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF MINDANAO  
STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU) AND COMMENDING ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION AND ITS PEOPLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mindanao State University (MSU), formerly known as University of Mindanao in Dansalan City (Marawi City) was founded on September 1, 1961, by virtue of Republic Act No. 1387<sup>1</sup> as amended by the Republic Act No. 3791<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in addressing the so-called “Mindanao problem”, MSU was established as an institution of higher learning through the initiative of late Sen. Ahmad Domocao “Domie” Alauya Alonto<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, being the second state university in the country, and the first for the Southern Philippines, the MSU, aside from discharging its regular functions of instruction, research and community extension services, was entrusted by the Congress with twin major objectives: *first*, to accelerate the integration of the Muslim population into the national body politic; and *second*, to provide the technical manpower needed for the economic and social development of the islands of Mindanao, Sulu and Palawan (MINSUPALA)<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, from the mere 282 students for the collegiate level and 12 faculty members for the main campus, MSU has grown to a multi-campus supra-regional university system, serving over 69,000 students in all levels with nearly 3,100 faculty members and has

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<sup>1</sup> An Act Providing for the Establishment of the University of Mindanao in Dansalan City and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor. Approved on June 18, 1955. Retrieved from [https://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra1955/ra\\_1387\\_1955.html](https://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra1955/ra_1387_1955.html)

<sup>2</sup> An Act to Amend Republic Act Numbered Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven Providing for the Establishment of the University of Mindanao in Dansalan City, as Amended by Republic Act Numbered Eighteen Hundred and Nine-Three, so as to Change the Name of the University of Mindanao to Mindanao State University and to Grant a Permanent Site to the Said University. June 22, 1963. Retrieved from [https://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra1963/ra\\_3791\\_1963.html](https://www.lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra1963/ra_3791_1963.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.devex.com/organizations/mindanao-state-university-msu-138543>

<sup>4</sup> Ramirez, Jaime B. (May 1974). *The Mindanao State University: a visit to the past and the present.*

expanded from one campus university in Marawi City to eight (8) autonomous campuses: *MSU-Main in Marawi City, MSU-IIT in Iligan City, MSU-TCTO in Tawi-Tawi, MSU-Naawan in Misamis Oriental, MSU-Maguindanao, MSU-General Santos, MSU-Sulu in Jolo, and MSU Buug in Zamboanga Sibugay*<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, because of increasing demands, there are now 16 major colleges offering 248 courses. MSU is committed to set the standards of academic excellence being the only university<sup>6</sup> directly charged by the government of integrating the cultural communities, especially the Muslims into the mainstream of the nation's socio-cultural and political life;

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, MSU's operation promotes a laudable policy of inclusivity integrating the National Minorities through education. It is of common knowledge that the number of scholars enrolling is rapidly increasing indicating therein that more youths are drawn in the said State University for better quality education;

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of its 60<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary, it is but proper to commemorate and commend its invaluable contribution towards the agro-industrial, ecological, socio-economic growth and political development of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and the rest of the southern Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054) stipulates that:

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*Any school, college or university existing in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region as of the effectivity of this Organic Law, and such other schools and institutions that may be established hereinafter shall be deemed integral components of the educational system of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, and shall be governed by their respective charters. The National Government shall continue to support, enhance, and strengthen the Mindanao State University System.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Mindanao State University and commends its invaluable contribution to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and its people.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the above-mentioned eight (8) campuses of the MSU including the three (3) former CHED- Supervised Institutions (CSIS) of higher learning which are now considered integrated campuses into the MSU System, namely: *Lanao National College of Arts and Trade (LNCAT), Lanao Norte Agricultural College (LNAC) and Maigo School of Arts and Trade (MSAT)*.

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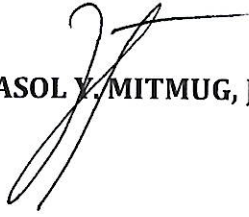
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.devex.com/organizations/mindanao-state-university-msu-138543>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.msuit.edu.ph/about/facts/msu-system.php>

**ADOPTED,**

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Certified correct:

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Attested:

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*Speaker*