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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE BARMM WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED DUE TO COVID-19 INFECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government is mandated to provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs to the inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (Section 8, Article IX of R.A. No. 11054);

**WHEREAS**, it is one of the declared health policies of the Bangsamoro Government to provide for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for its constituents, to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, and to uphold the peoples' right to have access to essential goods, health and other social services that promote their well-being (Section 1, Chapter I, Title V, Bangsamoro Administrative Code);

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro provided for the Quick Response Fund (QRF) under the Office of the Chief Minister, which is intended for health services as well as a Contingent Fund for various disasters;

**WHEREAS**, around 3,000 healthcare workers from the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao-Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (BARMM-READI) are serving as direct frontline healthcare workers;

**WHEREAS**, there are numbers of direct frontline healthcare workers in the BARMM who contracted COVID-19 while in the performance of their functions;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to help our direct frontline healthcare workers who contracted COVID-19 to defray the hospitalization and other expenses incurred in treating COVID-19 infection;

**WHEREAS**, frontline healthcare workers are critical in the fight against COVID-19. Extending assistance and support to them is one way that the Bangsamoro Government can demonstrate its support for these frontline healthcare workers who are at the forefront of the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, government institutions, like the Supreme Court of the Philippines in OCA Circular No. 51A-2021 dated April 28, 2021, have authorized the grant of financial assistance to their personnel who contracted COVID-19 and required inpatient care or hospital confinement, depending on the extent of their illnesses (mild to moderate illness, severe to critical illness, and death due to COVID-19), whether or not hospitalized;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, to pass and approve this Resolution calling the Office of the Chief Minister to provide financial assistance to frontline healthcare workers who contracted COVID-19 and required inpatient care or hospital confinement, depending on the extent of their illness, from September 2021 until full vaccination is completed;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Office of the Chief Minister, in close coordination with the Ministry of Health, shall issue implementing guidelines in carrying out this Resolution;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all concerned ministries and offices of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for their proper guidance, information, and appropriate action.

Adopted,

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