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A RESOLUTION

URGING THE BANGSAMORO INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON COVID-19, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND PROTOCOLS FOR THE CREATION OF A UNIFIED VACCINATION DATABASE SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bangsamoro Organic Law, the Bangsamoro Government is mandated to promote, among other things, the health and safety of the Bangsamoro People. It has the obligation to ensure the delivery of responsive health programs and cooperate with the National Government in the provision of quarantine services for the prevention and control of epidemic and other communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, following the declaration of State of Public Health Emergency by the President, the Office of the Chief-Minister issued Memorandum Order No. 157, (s. 2020) creating the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force in BARMM tasked to formulate policies and design means to mobilize government resources, and intensify the reporting of COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, as per national Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 (IATF) Resolution No. 130-A, (s. 2021) all component local government units within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao remain under Modified General Community Quarantine, except for Cotabato City which was placed under General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the national IATF issued the latest Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, including guidelines for interzonal movement, or the movement of people, goods and services between territories under different community quarantine classification, and intrazonal movement, which refers to the movement of people, goods, and services between areas under the same community quarantine classification;

WHEREAS, the Minister of Health has so far administered a total of 186,836 COVID-19 vaccine doses across the region, which covers the cities of Cotabato, Lamitan, and Marawi; the provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu, Basilan, and Tawi-Tawi; and the 63 villages in six towns of North Cotabato. Of the total number, 96,361 individuals have completed their two doses or are fully-vaccinated while 90,745 have received their first doses;

WHEREAS, however, as it is, there is no system yet to help deter people from falsifying their vaccination cards to easily enter another local government unit. Furthermore, BARMM component local government units issues non-uniform vaccination cards, which poses several risks. A centralized and secured database for individuals vaccinated against COVID-19 can mitigate these risks;

WHEREAS, a centralized database of COVID-19 individuals in the region and the implementation of unified vaccination card with a QR code system, whether digital or otherwise, will help ease cross-border travel restrictions, establish vaccination card verification, and will enhance the capacity of the local government units to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to direct the Bangsamoro Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19, in close coordination with local government units, to formulate protocols in the creation of a centralized database and implement a unified vaccination card for all vaccinated individuals within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Adopted,

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