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A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MBHTE), IN COORDINATION WITH THE BANGSAMORO YOUTH COMMISSION, TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS HISTORICAL MIS-, MAL-, AND DISINFORMATION AMONG THE YOUTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13, Article IX of R.A. No. 11054 the Bangsamoro Government recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and is mandated to, among others, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It also has the responsibility to take into utmost consideration the best interest of children, and promote and protect the rights of children, youth, and adolescents, including their survival and development in its policies and programs;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Youth Commission is the primary policy-making and coordinating body of the Bangsamoro Government in all matters affecting the youth and has, among others, the power to provide leadership in the formulation and initiation of regional policies and plans, and in the setting of priorities and direction on youth promotion and development programs and activities;

WHEREAS, as today's youth spend substantial time online, there is an increasing tendency to utilize the internet as their primary source of information. With the proliferation of user-generated content platforms, there is a growing abundance of misinformation available to the public that coexists alongside accurate information which has the potential to effect behavior on a massive scale and erode basic social values;

WHEREAS, these information disorders disproportionately target the youth who might be vulnerable due to the overwhelming information overload readily available online along with their lack of exposure to effective strategies for processing information, and the lack of content sources readily available to them;

WHEREAS, hence, policies must be formulated for academic institutions to develop appropriate approaches to teach digital literacy skills, particularly in empowering young learners to distinguish credible sources from unreliable ones. Digital fluency must be included as a core competency in the curriculum, especially for the youth, to spot propaganda techniques, identify legitimate sources of attribution, and proofreading;

WHEREAS, according to a world-wide survey, Filipinos spend the most time on social media. Moreover, the Coronavirus Disease pandemic has led to an increase in the number of social media users in the country by sixteen (16) million or 22% between 2020 and 2021, and that this can exacerbate the negative consequences of mis-, mal-, and disinformation especially among the youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to urge the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), in close coordination with the Bangsamoro Youth Commission, to craft and implement programs to address historical mis-, mal-, and disinformation spread through social media.

Adopted,

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