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Resolution No. 542

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT FOR PASSAGE OF THE R.A. 8371 AND PROCLAMATION NO. 1906 DECLARING THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH

WHEREAS, The Philippines is a culturally diverse country with an estimated 14- 17 million Indigenous Peoples (IPs) belonging to 110 ethno-linguistic groups¹. Of this number more than one hundred thousand are estimated found in the Bangsamoro mostly called as the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS, indigenous peoples are considered as keepers of our rich cultural heritage being the first nation that inhabited this earth before any civilization came. Their rich indigenous knowledge systems and practices and wealth of experience might provide the key in addressing the current challenges face by our modern society.

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the Philippine Constitution stipulated that “The State recognizes and promotes the rights of the indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development”

WHEREAS, in pursuance to this provision, the Philippine government passed into law Republic Act 8371 otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997. The law will protect, promote, support and recognized the rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo further issued Presidential Proclamation No. 1906 series of 2009 declaring every month of October as Indigenous Peoples month;

WHEREAS, the passage of IPRA and the declaration of the whole Month of October as IP Month is a leap-forward in the effort to protect, promote, support and preserved the rights of the Indigenous Peoples;


RESOLVED AS IT WAS HEREBY RESOLVED by the BTA Parliament in assembly,

¹ [Fast Facts: Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines | UNDP in Philippines](#)

To express deep appreciation to the Philippine Government for the passage of IPRA and Proclamation No. 1906 declaring of the whole month of October as Indigenous Peoples Month.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to direct all ministries and offices of the BARMM to initiate activities fitted for the purpose.

Adopted,


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Member of Parliament