

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

RESOLUTION NO. 545

Introduced by:

Hon. Member of the Parliament ROMEO C. SALIGA

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CULTURE BEARERS OF THE NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NMIPs) WITHIN BARMM AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFAIR TO PROVIDE THE LIST THEREOF WITH CORRESPONDING EXPERTISE

Whereas, Section 9 of Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) provides *Rights of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples*. - The Bangsamoro Government shall recognize and promote the rights of non-Moro indigenous peoples within the framework of the constitution and national laws.;

Whereas, 1st and 2nd par. of SEC. 4 of Art. IX of BOL provides, "*Customary Rights and Traditions*. The customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Bangsamoro people are hereby recognized, protected, and guaranteed.

The Parliament shall adopt measures to ensure mutual respect and protection of the distinct beliefs, customs, and traditions of the Bangsamoro people and the other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.”;

Whereas, SEC. 24, Art. IX of BOL provides, *Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of the Bangsamoro People*. - The Bangsamoro Government shall preserve the history, culture, arts, traditions, and the rich cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro people and their Sultanates, such as those of Sulu, Maguindanao, Kabuntalan, Buayan, the Royal Houses of Lanao and of the Iranun, and the non-Moro indigenous peoples of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. For this purpose, it shall create the

Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage in coordination with the appropriate and relevant national government agencies.

Whereas, Section 1, Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provides, "*Declaration of Policies*. - It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government:

- a. To recognize, respect, protect, promote, and support the rights of the indigenous peoples (IPs) within the framework of the Constitution and national unity and development;
- b. To recognize the inherent right of the IPs to self-governance and self-determination, and to respect the integrity of their values, practices, and institutions;
- e. To recognize, respect, protect, promote, and support the rights of IPs to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions, and institutions. The Bangsamoro Government shall uphold these rights in the formulation of its regional plans and policies; and
- j. To take measures, with the participation of the IPs concerned, to protect their rights, guarantee respect for their cultural integrity, and ensure that IPs shall benefit from the rights and opportunities which the Bangsamoro laws and regulations grant to other members of the population.

Whereas, 1st sentence of Section 2 thereof further provides, "*Mandate*. - The Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs is mandated to protect, promote, and preserve the interest and well-being of IPs within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions, and institutions";

Whereas, Sec. 3 thereof finally provides, "*Powers and Functions*. - The Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Serves as the primary ministry of the Bangsamoro Government to assist IPs in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
 - b. Review and assess the conditions of IPs, including existing laws and policies pertinent thereto, and to propose relevant laws and policies for their welfare;
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- d. Formulate and implement policies, plans, programs, and projects for the economic, social, and cultural development, as well as the legal protection of the IPs, and monitor the implementation thereof"; and

Whereas, culture bearers are the repository of both tangible and intangible heritage of NMIPs within BARMM;

Whereas, culture bearers of different NMIPs within BARMM were not given appropriate recognition and regard, much less, determined or identified by the Bangsamoro government;

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED recognizing the culture bearers of NMIPs within the BARMM. **Resolved further**, directing the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA), in coordination with their respective Indigenous Political Structures (IPs) of each tribe, to provide the list of culture bearers with their corresponding expertise of every NMIPs within BARMM.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, _____.


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