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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL OF SENATOR SHERWIN
GATCHALIAN FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
(NEA) TO REALLOCATE ITS FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM IN REMOTE VILLAGES IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION**

WHEREAS, the proposal of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian for the national electrification administration to provide funding support to electrify the remote villages in BARMM is not without valid reasons. In terms of electrification, the country has achieved 95.3% coverage in 2018. However, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region has the lowest household electrification rate at 31.4% only, the lowest in the entire country;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is the main source of hydro-electric power supply in the entire Mindanao equivalent to about 662 megawatts, but the autonomous region is the lowest served in terms of the electrification program;

WHEREAS, the rural electrification program in the BARMM has been supported by its electric cooperatives such as the Lanao del Sur Cooperative in the Lanao province and the Maguindanao Electric Cooperative in the Maguindanao province respectively, however, despite the efforts of these electric cooperatives, the electrification program of the Bangsamoro

Autonomous Region continue to lag behind due mainly to the lack of financial support or assistance from the national government. The three (3) island provinces of Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Basilan are the worst off-grid areas in terms of electrification;

WHEREAS, in the medium-term, Secretary Carlos Dominguez of the Department of Finance (DOF) expressed his intention to extend assistance to the new BARMM in tapping funding sources for a plan to provide stable and affordable supply of electric power to BARMM provinces, as part of on-going government efforts to open livelihood opportunities, attract investments, and create more jobs in these areas. Specifically, the Department of Finance will involve private sectors and explore overseas funding from Islamic countries to implement the electrification program in the region's remote provinces and towns.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution: A Resolution Supporting the Proposal of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian for the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to Reallocate its Funding Support for the Implementation of the Electrification Program in Remote Villages in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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