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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. LORENA COQUIA, JAIL OFFICER I FROM  
DAGUPAN CITY JAIL FOR CAMPAIGNING AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE  
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE HIJAB AND ALTERNATIVE UNIFORM  
FOR MUSLIMAH BJMP EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) issued a Memorandum on July 29, 2021, and Resolution No. 2021-23 (dated May 27, 2021), entitled "*A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FEMALE MUSLIM BJMP PERSONNEL TO WEAR HIJAB WHEN WEARING BJMP PRESCRIBED UNIFORMS AND THE USE OF DELTA PANTS AND BLACK BJMP LONG SLEEVE SHIRT AS THEIR ALTERNATIVE CVAC UNIFORM*";

**WHEREAS**, JO1 Lorena Coquia, a Balik-Islam working in the Dagupan City Jail, had written to the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos-North Luzon requesting for assistance in coordinating with the BJMP National Headquarters to include the hijab in their prescribed uniform;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Coquia's request was granted by NCMF-North Luzon through Atty. Nor-ainah Daragangan (Legal Affairs Division) and Regional Director Atty. Macarimpas, who corresponded immediately with JDir. Alan S. Iral, BJMP Chief;

**WHEREAS**, the BJMP-Uniform and Standard Committee held an online conference to discuss Ms. Coquia's proposal, which was unanimously approved on May 27, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the freedom to practice one's religion is a constitutional right, and the approval of the hijab and alternative uniform by a national agency is a welcome move and an immense development from previous incidences of discrimination experienced by Muslim Filipinos (e.g. imposing of a hijab ban, profiling and stereotyping by authorities and media, and unlawful or mistaken arrests);

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to extend its utmost commendation to Ms. Lorena Coquia, Jail Officer I from the Dagupan City Jail for campaigning and contributing to the institutionalization of hijab and alternative uniform for Muslimah BJMP employees.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Dagupan City Jail and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos.

**Adopted,**

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