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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BANGSAMORO DARUL-IFTA' AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS (NCMF) TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MECHANISMS OF COORDINATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SYNCHRONIZING THE PROCLAMATION OF MUSLIM LEGAL HOLIDAYS UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1083

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament has the power to enact laws declaring Bangsamoro holidays (Section 5(h), Article VII of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL);

WHEREAS, Eid'l Fitr has been declared a national holiday pursuant to Republic Act No. 9177 or the Act Declaring the First Day of Shawwal, the Tenth Month of Islamic Calendar, a National Holiday for the Observance of Eidul Fitr;

WHEREAS, Eid'l Adha has also been declared a national holiday per Republic Act No. 9849 or the Act Declaring the Tenth Day of Zhul Hijja, the Twelfth Month of the Islamic Calendar, a National Holiday for the Observance of Eidul Adha;

WHEREAS, both Republic Act Nos. 9177 and 9849 categorically provides that the implementation thereof shall be supervised by the Office of Muslim Affairs, which is now the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF);

WHEREAS, aside from and in addition to Eid'l Fitr and Eid'l Adha, Article 169, Book V of P.D. No. 1083 or the Code of Muslim Personal Laws recognized as legal Muslim holidays the following:

- a) Amun Jadid (New Year) which falls on the first day of the first lunar month of Muharram;
- b) Maulid-un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Muhammad), which falls on the twenty-seventh day of the seventh lunar month of Rajab; and
- c) Lailatul Isra Wal Mi'raj (Nocturnal Journey and Ascension of the Prophet Muhammad), which falls on the twenty-seventh day of the seventh lunar month of Rajab;

WHEREAS, the dates of the above recognized Muslim holidays under P.D. No. 1083 shall be determined by the Office of the President of the Philippines in accordance with the Muslim Lunar (Hijra) Calendar (Article 171 of P.D. No. 1083);

WHEREAS, regular non-working holidays and special holidays provided for by laws shall be observed in the BARMM, the Bangsamoro Parliament has the mandate to enact a law to identify the holidays to be observed in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, and the Chief Minister may proclaim any local special holiday for a particular date and place in accordance with existing laws and issuances (Section 11, Chapter 2 of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) No. 13 or the Bangsamoro Administrative Code);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Mufti of the BARMM has the power to declare the start and end of Ramadhan fasting, including the determination of the dates of Eid'l Fit'r and Eid'l Adha (Section 56 of BAA 13 or the Bangsamoro Administrative Code);

WHEREAS, in the recent celebration and observance of the Maulid-un-Nabi, the Secretary of NCMF informed the Office of the President that Muslim communities in the Philippines will observe Maulidin Nabi or Birthday of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) on October 18, 2021 (Memorandum dated October 7, 2021);

WHEREAS, in the same occasion of Maulid-un-Nabi, the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta' declared October 19, 2021, as a regular Non-Working Holiday in the entire BARMM;

WHEREAS, Muslims observe and celebrate the above-recognized holidays to commemorate their special significance, and the declaration thereof as a non-working holiday is supposed to bring unity and not confusion especially in the workplace, government and private alike, and within and outside BARMM, as to which date will be followed- that declared by the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta or NCMF;

WHEREAS, to foster unity and to highlight their importance, and as we celebrate the same special occasion, there is a need to synchronize the declaration of the dates of the Muslim holidays;

WHEREAS, both BARMM and NCMF have the primordial mandate to preserve and develop the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of Muslim Filipinos, thus they, BARMM thru the Daru-Ifta' and the NCMF should coordinate for the purpose of synchronizing the date to be declared as a Muslim Holiday;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution requesting the Darul-Ifta' and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos to institutionalize mechanisms of coordination for the purpose of synchronizing the proclamation of Muslim Holidays under Presidential Decree No. 1083.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to NCMF for their proper guidance, information, and appropriate action.

Adopted,



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