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**RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY (GOTD)
THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND
AGRARIAN REFORM (MAFAR) TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEaweEDS PROCESSING PLANTS IN
THE BANGSAMORO REGION**

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIII of RA 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall promote effective use of economic resources and endeavor to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development and social justice;

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article XIII of BOL provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall promote domestic trade preference for goods produced and materials sourced from within the BARMM and adopt measures to increase their competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the top producers of seaweeds in the world, of which BARMM is the top contributor at 46.5% of the total aquaculture production of seaweed in the country;

WHEREAS, seaweed farming is now emerging as an important and major livelihood in the coastal areas specifically in BARMM;

WHEREAS, the ease in handling cultivated seaweeds have further encouraged seaweed farming across key seaweed-producing islands like Tawi-Tawi;

WHEREAS, these islands do not have local plants to process their raw-dried seaweeds at a lower cost, hence they need to ship their produce to the cities of Cebu and Zamboanga for processing;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the seaweeds processing plants in the Bangsamoro region with the help of MAFAR will improve the capacity of seaweed growing communities to process their produce into high-value commodities;

WHEREAS, a productive seaweed industry can help lift many Bangsamoro fisherfolk out of poverty and support the growth of BARMM's economy;

WHEREAS, there is a need to conduct a thorough feasibility study on the establishment of seaweeds processing plants given the resources and infrastructure limitations of the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution urging the MAFAR to conduct feasibility study for the establishment of Seaweeds Processing Plants in the Bangsamoro Region.

Adopted,


MP ENGR. BAIN TAN ADIL-AMPATUAN, MNSA