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DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (MSSD) TO REPORT TO THE BTA PARLIAMENT ON THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF WAR WIDOWS IN THE BARMM.

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 5 on *Gender and Development*, of Republic Act No. 11054 also known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law, provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall recognize the role of women in governance and ensure their fundamental equality before the law and that it shall guarantee full and direct participation of women in the governance and development process, while ensuring that women shall benefit equally in the implementation and development of programs and projects;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 12 on *Protection of Women*, of Republic Act No. 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall uphold and protect the fundamental rights of women, including the right to engage in lawful employment, and to be protected from exploitation, abuse, or discrimination, as embodied in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and that the Parliament shall enact the necessary laws for the implementation of this section;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has just worsened the situation for widows during the past several months;

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence of their vulnerability, both socio-economic and psychological;

WHEREAS, widows suffer from the loss of social status, marginalization, and their human rights neglected;

WHEREAS, the widows of BARMM require urgent attention or help at all levels of society, given the extent and severity of the poverty that they experience;

WHEREAS, today, thousands of widows in the BARMM region endure extreme poverty, violence, homelessness and ill health;

WHEREAS, the problems of widows and war widows were only worsened by the Marawi Siege;

WHEREAS, among the 51,747 registered as solo parents under the programs of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) widows and war widows are also included;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, through the BWC in coordination with the MSSD, should explore all methods of collecting such information, such as participatory poverty and demographic assessment studies involving widows' groups themselves through Mapping and Profiling Projects;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Bangsamoro Transition Authority**:

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Adopted,


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