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RESOLUTION NO. _____ 0 g

Introduced by:

Hon. Member of the Parliament ROMEO C. SALIGA

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Hon. Minister MELANIO U. ULAMA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, RESPECTING AND PROTECTING THE TIME IMMEMORIAL PACTS, TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL COVENANTS BETWEEN AND AMONG MEMBERS OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS AND NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Whereas, Section 3, Article I of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) provides "*Purpose*. - The purpose of this Organic Law is to establish a political entity, provide for its basic structure of government in recognition of the justness and legitimacy of the cause of the Bangsamoro people and the aspirations Muslim Filipinos and all indigenous cultural communities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to secure their identity and prosperity, allowing for meaningful self-governance within the framework of the constitution and the national sovereignty as well as territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines.";

Whereas, Section 9 of Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) provides "Rights of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples. - The Bangsamoro Government shall recognize and promote the rights of non-Moro indigenous peoples within the framework of the constitution and national laws.";

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Whereas, Section 6 of Article II of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (R.A. 11054) provides "*Promotion of Unity*. - The Bangsamoro Government shall promote unity, peace, justice, and goodwill among all peoples, as well as encourage a just and peaceful settlement of disputes.";

Whereas, history reveal, both written and unwritten, that the great ancestors of Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples in the person of Apo Mamalo and Apo Tabunaway made a mutual covenant wherein territories were determined for each to settle, govern and rule over;

Whereas, thru oral accounts of Maguindanao and Erumanen ne Menuvu leaders and elders of the Municipality of Carmen, a boundary was established for each lineage to settle, govern, and rule over. In fact, the area is registered as Sitio Pegeletan, Barangay Manili, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cotabato, a local term for boundary. This pact is revisited by the current generation thru a community activity locally known as *Kakap Dulunan* wherein memories and stories of boundaries that connect them as neighbours for many years and sealed with a peace pact are shared;

Whereas, in the furtherance of peace, mutual respect, cultural diversity and recognition and protection of separate and distinct Ancestral Domains/Native Title/Fusaka Inged, an appropriate recognition, respect and protection should be made and given to time immemorial pacts, treaties, agreement and covenants between and among members of Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution be APPROVED to further recognize, respect and protect the time immemorial pacts, treaties, agreement and covenants between and among members of Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Approved this ____ day of September, 2019.

ROMEO C. SAMGA Member of the Parliament

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

My high regard to all members of this Honourable Parliament and those in attendance to this forum!

It is a great honour and privilege for me to sponsor this resolution which seeks your approval to further recognize, respect and protect the time immemorial pacts, treaties, agreement and covenants between and among members of Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

To name two of which, Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples forefathers in the person of Apo Mamalo and Apo Tabunaway made a mutual covenant wherein territories were determined for each to settle, govern and rule over. Further, thru oral accounts of Maguindanao and Erumanen ne Menuvu leaders and elders of the Municipality of Carmen, a boundary was established for each lineage to settle, govern, and rule over. In fact, the area is registered as Sitio Pegeletan, Barangay Manili, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cotabato, a local term for boundary. This pact is revisited by the current generation thru a shared community activity locally known as *Kakap Dulunan* wherein memories and stories of boundaries that connect them as neighbours for many years and sealed with a peace pact. To this activity, I was privilege to be invited and witnessed on September 10, 2019.

Therefore, without doubts and in the furtherance of peace, mutual respect, cultural diversity and recognition and protection of separate and distinct Ancestral Domains/Native Title/Fusaka Inged, this representation prays to this Honourable Body that this resolution be approved to recognize, respect and protect the time immemorial pacts, treaties, agreement and covenants between and among members of Muslim Filipinos and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

With that being said, please allow me to present the proposed resolution entitled RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, RESPECTING AND PROTECTING THE TIME IMMEMORIAL PACTS, TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL COVNENTS BETWEEN AND AMONG MEMBERS OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS AND NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ROMEO C. SALIGA Member of the Parhament