



**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 51**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE INTERIM  
CHIEF MINISTER THROUGH THE INTERIM MINISTER  
OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO DECLARE THE  
BARMM UNDER A STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO POLIO  
OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, Poliomyelitis or in short Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by Poliovirus wherein children below 5 years old are most vulnerable or at high risk of infection;

**WHEREAS**, the Polio virus whether vaccine-derived (VDPV) or from the wild can result to the disease that can cause paralysis, difficulty in breathing and death;

**WHEREAS**, 19 years after the Philippines was declared Polio-free in the year 2000, one Polio case (cVDPV2+ AFP) was confirmed in a 3-year old girl in Lanao del Sur last September 18, 2019 and prior to this, there were already several detected vaccine-derived Polio cases in Metro Manila and Davao City since July 22 this year;

**WHEREAS**, a single Polio case is considered by the Department of Health as an Outbreak based on the World Health Organization standard prompting the Secretary of Health to declare a national Polio outbreak last September 19, 2019 following the confirmed cases occurring in the country;

**WHEREAS**, just very recently in October this year, two (2) more cases of Polio were confirmed in Datu Paglas and Datu Piang municipalities of Maguindanao Province under the BARMM;

**WHEREAS**, the national Health authorities including the World Health Organization pronounced that there is no cure for Poliomyelitis or Polio but it is highly preventable through vaccination;

**WHEREAS**, the budget for the activities to combat polio may also be sourced from the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Funds of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it

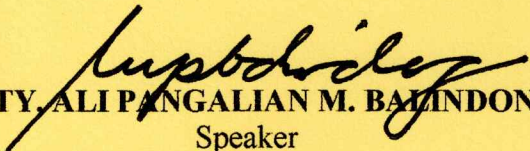
**RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, to request the honorable interim chief minister through the interim minister of health to declare the BARMM under a state of calamity due to polio outbreak and call all local government units to strongly support and actively participate in the campaign to prevent the spread of poliomyelitis or polio particularly in the BARMM areas.

**Adopted,** November 29, 2019.

Certified Correct:

  
**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General

Attested:

  
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Speaker

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