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“A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) AND BANGSAMORO DARUL IFTA (BDI), IN COORDINATION WITH MORO WAQF FOUNDATION, INC., TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IBADAH-FRIENDLY HOSPITAL SERVICES WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO”

WHEREAS, as provided under Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as Bangsamoro Organic Law, to wit:

Preamble, imploring the aid of Almighty God, in recognition of the aspirations of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to establish an enduring peace as the basis of justice, balance society and asserting their Rights to conserve and develop their patrimony, reflective of their system of life as prescribed by their faith, in harmony with their Customary laws, cultures and traditions, within the framework of the Constitution;

Article IX, Basic Rights, Section 4, it states: “*Customary Rights and Traditions.* - The customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Bangsamoro people are hereby recognized, protected, and guaranteed.

The parliament shall adopt measures to ensure mutual respect and protection of the distinct beliefs, customs, and traditions of the Bangsamoro people and the other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao.

No person in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao shall be subjected to any form of discrimination on account of creed, religion, ethnic origin, parentage, or gender.

WHEREAS, due to the obligatory nature of the Islamic faith, its practice becomes a part of daily life for its followers and to a certain degree also affects the non-Muslim residents of the Bangsamoro region;

WHEREAS, mankind is created not for anything but for the purpose of worshipping (ibadah) the Almighty;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government as the seat of power, through its moral governance program, has the obligation to provide for the moral needs and identity of its people and to provide an environment for a community which devotes itself in worship (worship), equipped with moral and values which will accrue to the benefit of society and thus, the need to support this cause;

WHEREAS, considering that due to the effect of COVID-19 Pandemic, it has limited the assistance of Muslim religious leaders outside of the hospital premises in

providing spiritual care for patients, leaving our patients in dilemma on the performance of religious rights and services for the patients such as but not limited to performance of their obligatory prayers, but also performance of religious rituals for the dead, specifically those afflicted by infectious disease such as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, despite its necessity owing to the facts that majority of the people living in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao are Muslim-Filipinos, there are lack of spiritual care services such as but not limited to provision of proper prayer space with ablution areas, placement of qiblat marks or signages in hospitals;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) supports policy development, and implementation of services and facilities for Muslim patients, employees, and affiliates, to wit:

Department Memorandum 2009-0107 on Strengthening the religious rights of employees and affiliates on wearing of Muslim attire;

Memorandum No. 47, s. 2003 on establishment of prayer room within the hospital;

Department Memorandum No. 2009-0162 on placement of qiblat marks in patient rooms;

Administrative Order No. 55, s. 2001 on the release of Muslim cadavers within 24 hours;

Memorandum Circular No. 2014-0024 on time adjustment during Ramadhan and excusing employees to attend Friday and Eid prayers and enjoy Muslim holidays; and

Administrative Order No. 2015-0052 on provision of spiritual support to patients as part of the hospice care program.

WHEREAS, the Moro Waqf Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit foundation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, having a permanent address at Cotabato Regional and Medical Center, Cotabato City, with its President Dr. Sherjan Kalim, currently spearheading the advocacy for the implementation of Ibadah-friendly hospital services in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, thru the intervention and support of the government, in this case the Ministry of Health and Bangsamoro Darul Ifta, in mandating all government and private health facilities particularly hospitals to implement Ibadah-friendly hospital services, the obligation of the Bangsamoro Government to its people shall be fulfilled.

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority-Parliament hereby urges the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Bangsamoro Darul Ifta (BDI), in coordination with Moro Waqf Foundation, Inc., to institutionalize the implementation of Ibadah-friendly hospital services within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.”

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Ministry of Health (MOH), Bangsamoro Darul Ifta (BDI), Moro Waqf Foundation, Inc., and all hospitals within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao be furnished of this resolution.

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