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A RESOLUTION

URGING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO INCREASE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE BARMM, THEREBY GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT THE GRASSROOTS

WHEREAS, as the basic unit of government nearest to the people, the barangay constitutes a vital part of every community's efforts of providing optimal basic services to the people, including health care services at the grassroots level,

WHEREAS, by virtue of Section 17 of Title I of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, the delivery of basic services and facilities were devolved to the local government units down to the barangay level. Thus, barangay health centers are maintained in every LGU with the help of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) who voluntarily render primary health care services to the community;

WHEREAS, BHWs act as primary health care providers in our communities, especially in far-flung areas. Some of their responsibilities include providing assistance to the activities of health centers, the implementation of nutrition programs, and providing first-aid assistance in accidents and emergencies. During the pandemic, they also help manage all COVID-19 related health concerns, including the dissemination of health protocol guidelines, monitoring patients and quarantined individuals, and in some instances, acting as contract tracers;

WHEREAS, despite the immense task imposed on them, our BHWs are still considered voluntary workers and they rank the lowest, among all civil servants, in terms of incentives, benefits, and privileges enjoyed and received. In the 2022 Bangsamoro Expenditure Program, the amount of P72 million pesos for 6,000 BHWs, or a sum of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per month for every BHW has been allocated as financial assistance;

WHEREAS, with all the undeniable heroic roles and myriad responsibilities that the BHWs play in our health sector, it is only right and important that they receive what they deserve in terms of compensation and incentives;

WHEREAS, in addition, the BOL mandates the Bangsamoro Government to enhance and promote the health and safety of the Bangsamoro, as well as ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs in the region that ultimately provides for comprehensive and integrated health service for its constituents;

WHEREAS, to finance these benefits, the necessary funding may be sourced from the appropriated Quick Response Fund (QRF) for Health that is lodged in the Office of the Chief Minister;

WHEREAS, this call is to give all BHWs in the region the recognition that they deserve, and to honor them for all the invaluable services they render to the community. Through this action, we can build a stronger foundation for a good primary health care system in the region – one that is accessible, efficient, effective, and capable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority: urging the Ministry of Health to increase the financial assistance of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) in the BARMM, thereby giving due recognition to their invaluable contribution to the delivery of health care services at the grassroots.

Adopted,

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