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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTITUENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF BARMM TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) SYSTEMS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO ASSIST IN CRIME PREVENTION AND SOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article VII of R.A. No. 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Parliament shall have the power to enact laws to promote, protect, and ensure the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, a consolidated report on the visioning workshops for the Bangsamoro facilitated by UNDP-backed Insider Mediators cited violent extremism, terrorism, and rido (clan feud) as among the leading security problems in the Bangsamoro;¹

WHEREAS, the continuous series of killings taking place in the Bangsamoro region are of public knowledge;

¹ <https://www.mindanews.com/top-stories/2019/01/poor-governance-security-seen-as-top-problems-in-bangsamoro/>

WHEREAS, most of the killings and acts of violence committed in the Bangsamoro remained unresolved because of the absence of means to identify the perpetrators;

WHEREAS, according to a study published in *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* by Matthew P. J. Ashby entitled *The Value of CCTV Surveillance Cameras as an Investigative Tool: An Empirical Analysis*:

“Good-quality recording could potentially allow investigators to watch an entire incident unfold in detail, providing information about the sequence of events, the methods used and the entry and exit routes taken by the offender. Even if this is not possible, CCTV may be useful in corroborating or refuting other evidence of what happened, such as witness testimony (College of Policing 2014). Recordings may also provide information that investigators can use to contextualise other evidence (Levesley and Martin 2005).

CCTV may assist in identifying who was involved in a crime either directly, as when a suspect is recognised by someone viewing the recording, or indirectly, such as when the recording shows a suspect touching a surface from which police are then able to recover forensic evidence (Association of Chief Police Officers 2011). Images can also be used to identify potential witnesses (La Vigne et al. 2011, p 27). CCTV may be less useful in answering some of the other 5WH questions. For example, even a good-quality recording may shed little light on why a crime was committed.”²

WHEREAS, in Baguio City, a city ordinance mandatorily requiring business establishments to install CCTV cameras, video recorders and monitors for security purposes showed the advantages of CCTV in crime prevention after the Regional Law Enforcement Coordinating Council determined a notable decrease in the commission of the crimes of theft and robbery from the period January to December 2010;

WHEREAS, the decrease of the commission of the said crimes was attributed among others, to the installation of closed circuit televisions (CCTV);

WHEREAS, the constituent local governments of the Bangsamoro Government are the front-liners in ensuring and maintaining peace and order as well as resolving security issues within their respective areas of jurisdictions;

² Ashby, M.P.J. *The Value of CCTV Surveillance Cameras as an Investigative Tool: An Empirical Analysis*. *Eur J Crim Policy Res* **23**, 441–459 (2017).

WHEREAS, the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government, also known as the Ministry of Local Government is the regional executive department of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao responsible for local governance;

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

FOR THE BTA PARLIAMENT TO DIRECT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTITUENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF BARMM TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) SYSTEMS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO ASSIST IN CRIME PREVENTION AND SOLUTION

Adopted,


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