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A RESOLUTION

URGING THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO CONDUCT AWARENESS DRIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUENT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNITS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIII, of R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that in order to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants, the development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be carefully planned taking into consideration the ecological balance and the natural resources that are available for its use and for the use of future generations";

WHEREAS, Paragraph 4, Section 7 of the same law states that the Bangsamoro Government, consistent with Republic Act No. 9729, otherwise known as the "Climate Change Act of 2009," shall ensure that its constituent local government units formulate their respective local climate change action plans and for the proper and effective implementation thereof²;

WHEREAS, one of the aims of the eight development goals identified in the 1st Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) is to improve ecological integrity, and promote and enhance climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction to sustain resilience of communities in the Bangsamoro.³

WHEREAS, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI)'s study showed that nationwide, 71% of Filipinos believed that they would be at least "somewhat affected" by climate change. Among them, 46% reported that they would likely get harmed, injured, or ill due to climate change.⁴

¹ Section 2, Article XIII, RA 11054 or Bangsamoro Organic Law

² Paragraph 4, Section 7, Article XIII, RA 11054 or Bangsamoro Organic Law

³ https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1120870

⁴ https://reliefweb.int/report/philippines/filipinos-fear-getting-harmed-ill-due-climate-change

WHEREAS, awareness of climate change varied regionally, ranging from 3% in the BARMM, to 24% in Caraga reporting high or very high in knowledge.⁵

WHEREAS, inhabitants of Zamboanga and BARMM reported the lowest levels of knowledge with 70% and 71% respectively, reporting low or very low levels of knowledge about climate change;⁶

WHEREAS, climate-related impacts are expected to reduce agricultural productivity in the Philippines;⁷

WHEREAS, warmer temperatures, sea level rise, and extreme weather will damage property and critical infrastructure, impact human health and productivity, and negatively affect sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and tourism.⁸

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

TO URGE THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO CONDUCT AWARENESS DRIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUENT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNITS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

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⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/philippines/publication/getting-a-grip-on-climate-change-in-the-philippines

⁸ https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2019/06/02/climate-change-economy-impacts/