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**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**

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Introduced by **MP Haron M. Abas**

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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE NEWLY DIVIDED PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO FOR SUCCESSFUL AND PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF PLEBISCITE TO DIVIDE THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO INTO MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE AND MAGUINDANAO DEL SUR.**

**WHEREAS**, on 27 May 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law RA 11550 that aims to split the current Maguindanao Province of 36 towns into Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Constitution, Article X, Section 10 provides that “no province, city, municipality, or barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundary substantially altered, except in accordance with the criteria established in the local government code and subject to approval by a majority of votes cast in a plebiscite in the political units directly affected.”;

**WHEREAS**, on **17 September 2022**, the approval of the constituents of the Province of Maguindanao for the Republic Act 11550 for the division of Province of Maguindanao was cast into vote in a plebiscite;

**WHEREAS**, with **86.93% voter turnouts** and **99.27% of it voted a “YES” vote**, the Province of Maguindanao officially decided for its division into **Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur**;

**WHEREAS**, **The National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL)** reported that the conduct of the 17 September 2022 Maguindanao Plebiscite was smooth and peaceful, from conduct of then plebiscite proper, to its closing, counting, and canvassing;

**WHEREAS**, for the successful conduct of plebiscite dividing the Province of Maguindanao into Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur and resounding 'yes' vote from its constituents,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority;

**RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to express its commendation **to the constituents of the newly divided province of Maguindanao for successful and peaceful conduct of plebiscite to divide the Province of Maguindanao into Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur.**

Adopted,



**HON. HARON M. ABAS**

Member of the Parliament – Bangsamoro Transition Authority