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A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SERIES OF UNABATED MURDERS AND SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN THE BARMM SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF PIKIT, AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING POLICY MEASURES TO RESOLVE THESE KILLINGS AND RESTORE THE PEACE AND ORDER IN PIKIT

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state as enshrined in the 1978 Constitution to protect the life, liberty, and property of the people and to maintain peace and order in the country;

WHEREAS, the BARMM was established in 2019 composed, *inter alia*, of Special Geographic Areas in Pikit involving twenty-two (22) barangays;

WHEREAS, fifty (50) firefights and shooting incidents from January 2021 up to October 2022 were reported by the PNP Pikit;

WHEREAS, in the span of eight (8) months alone, drastically increases and poses a culture of violence, lawlessness, and fear-driven environment in the SGAs in Pikit;

WHEREAS, Ninety-two percent (92%) of these cases have not been abated leaving the perpetrators scot-free, and pose a continuing threat to the rights and civil liberties of the constituents in SGA of Pikit and other citizens from nearby municipalities of Cotabato Province and the BARMM;

WHEREAS, there is a crucial need for the Bangsamoro Government to take full responsibility by initiating immediate actions to resolve these lawless cases, prosecute and punish the perpetrators, and provide concrete measures to assure the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Sec. 15, Chapter 6 of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 14, the Special Geographic Area Development Authority was enacted to exercise supervisory and regulatory authority over the promotion of the general welfare of the people in the SGAs;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Article VII, Section 5 of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, this Parliament is empowered to conduct inquiries in aid of legislation and issue subpoenas to concerned authorities;

WHEREAS, this Parliament is not insensitive to the reprehensible and barbaric acts of those involved in the killings and therefore, considers these incidents as justification to conduct a thorough, impartial, and extensive probe in order that immediate remedial measures may be instituted forthwith to end these widespread and unabated murders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, that it condemns in the strictest terms, the series of unabated murders and shooting incidents in the BARMM Special Geographic Areas of Pikit;

RESOLVED FURTHER, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, that the appropriate committee is directed to conduct a Parliamentary inquiry in aid of legislation for the purpose of formulating policy measures to resolve these killings and restore peace and order in SGA of Pikit.



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