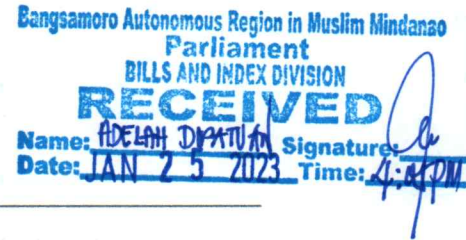


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RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING THE UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE BANGSAMORO
PARLIAMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 1272 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 5693,
BOTH DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE
MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB**

WHEREAS, the Constitution recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality of women and men before the law (Sec. 14, Article II, 1987 Constitution) and, it further provides, the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination and or preference, shall forever be allowed (Sec. 5, Article III, 1987 Constitution);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government upholds its commitment to protect the fundamental rights of women, to defend them from exploitation, abuse or discrimination, and to foster deep respect and understanding among and between people of varying cultures and faith towards and peace (Sec. 12, Article IX, Republic Act No. 11054);

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1272 entitled, AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB or the "National Hijab Day" principally authored and introduced by Senator Robinhood Padilla was filed on 5 September 2022 during the First Regular Session of the 19th Congress and was then substituted by the SBN – 1410 under

Committee Report No. 8 which was calendared for Ordinary Business on 7 November 2022 and is now pending for interpellation;

WHEREAS, the House of the Representatives had filed a similar bill which is House Bill No. 5693 entitled AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB which was approved for the Third Reading on 15 November 2022;

WHEREAS, both Bills are significant expression of the National government to remain true to its commitment in ensuring the fundamental equality of women and men before the law as well as the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference;

WHEREAS, the legitimate intent of both Bills are to resolve discrimination, oppression, misunderstanding and misinformation regarding women wearing the Hijab and to promote equality, empowerment, education and protection;

WHEREAS, the importance of both Bills hinge from their core intention to cultivate a culture of peace, inclusivity, and unity amidst diversity. They aim to foster cultural understanding, religious tolerance, equality and solidarity among all Filipino women and girls regardless of color, ethnicity or religion;

WHEREAS, the National Hijab Day is a fitting recognition of the role of the Filipino Muslim women in nation-building and their indispensable contribution to moral governance in all levels of the BARMM government; and

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament strongly supports both Bills as instrument of national unity and solidarity;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to express the unequivocal support of the Bangsamoro Parliament to Senate Bill No. 1272 and House Bill No. 5693, both Declaring the first day of February of every year as National Hijab Day and promoting an understanding of the Muslim tradition of wearing a Hijab;

RESOLVE, FURTHER, to forward and present a copy of this resolution to the Office of Honorable Senator Robinhood Padilla and the House of Representatives, copy furnished to the Office of the Chief Minister and the Bangsamoro Women Commission for information and appropriate consideration.

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