

Republic of the Philippines Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT



Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 287

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE OF THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE TO SENATOR AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III FOR PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS WHO SUFFERED CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM PAENG

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, a severe tropical storm known as *Paeng* (international name: Nalgae) hit the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), resulting in significant destruction, loss of life, and damage to agriculture and critical infrastructure due to flooding, sea surge, and landslides;

WHEREAS, according to the Bangsamoro Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (BDRRMC), Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng* affected at least 570,285 individuals in the region, with 53 fatalities, 12 missing persons, and 38 injured persons;

WHEREAS, Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng* destroyed 371 houses and partially damaged 480 others in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The storm also caused significant damage to infrastructure and agriculture, with losses estimated at almost Six-Hundred Million Pesos;

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, Bangsamoro Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim declared a state of calamity in the Bangsamoro Region due to the widespread damage and destruction brought about by Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng*;

WHEREAS, due to the complete devastation caused by Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng*, many people were left without access to basic supplies, including food, clean drinking water, and medical equipment. This necessitated urgent assistance and response efforts, including the procurement, transportation, and distribution of emergency relief commodities for the affected population;

WHEREAS, Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications-BARMM, distributed food packs and other relief goods, as part of a disaster relief initiative, to the communities affected by Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng*;

WHEREAS, to alleviate the suffering of the people of the Bangsamoro, the Senator expressed his support and solidarity with the calamity-stricken families;

WHEREAS, Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III played a significant role in making sure that basic goods and relief supplies reached the people of the Bangsamoro region who were affected by the disaster; his proactive approach and compassion were instrumental in providing much-needed assistance to those in need:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To extend its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III for his quick response and assistance in the disaster relief efforts.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to the Office of Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, for information.

ADOPTED, Jumada Al-Awwal 26, 1444/December 20, 2022.

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Attested:

ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG Speaker

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