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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE WALI OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) SHIEKH KHALIPHA USMAN NANDO AND EXTENDING PROFOUND APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BANGSAMORO STRUGGLE AND TO THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

WHEREAS, Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023;

WHEREAS, Sheikh Nando was the first *Wali* of the Bangsamoro, having been appointed on March 29, 2019 by the interim Bangsamoro Parliament through Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Resolution No. 1 pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), during its inaugural session;

WHEREAS, the *Wali* is an elective position endorsed by the Council of Elders that is to be nominated by the Parliament and is regarded as the ceremonial head of the Bangsamoro Government¹;

¹ <https://wali.bangsamoro.gov.ph/>

WHEREAS, the tenure of the *Wali* spans six (6) years, with the exception of the first holder of the position, which was appointed by the interim Bangsamoro Parliament which would hold office for only three (3) years²;

WHEREAS, Sheikh Nando was a former Chief Justice of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Shari'ah Supreme Court³;

WHEREAS, as one of the founders of Moro fronts, Sheikh Nando had unconditionally served the Bangsamoro cause for the right to self-determination (RSD) in various capacity for sixty (60) years⁴;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, the BTA Parliament during its regular session has adopted Resolution No. 266 Re-affirming the Appointment of Shiekh Nando as the *Wali* of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, during his term as Bangsamoro *Wali*, Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando had become instrumental in promoting the culture of peace, the significance of inter-religious dialogue, and the continuation of social healing adjacent with reconciliation among the Bangsamoro people. He served with utmost dedication and unwavering commitment to public service⁵;

WHEREAS, Sheikh Nando will be best remembered for his work as a religious leader, ceremonial head, peacebuilder, and for his great contributions to the Bangsamoro struggle and to the BARMM;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority offers its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, relatives, and friends of Sheikh Khalipha U. Nando. The BTA Parliament joins the Bangsamoro people in mourning the loss of one of our greatest revolutionaries and religious leaders of the Bangsamoro;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution expressing deepest condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late *Wali* of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Shiekh Khalipha Usman Nando and extending profound appreciation and gratitude for his contributions to the Bangsamoro struggle and to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Adopted,


ENGR. BAIN TAN ADIL-AMPATUAN, MNSA

² <https://www.facebook.com/WaliBangsamoro/>

³ <https://wali.bangsamoro.gov.ph/wali-profile/>

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Message of Sympathy of Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, on the passing of BARMM *Wali* Sheikh Khalipha Nando.