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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE  
BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE SHEIKH KHALIPHA USMAN NANDO,  
FIRST WALI OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY, AND  
EXTENDING PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
BANGSAMORO**

**WHEREAS**, late Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando was the first Wali of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) as expressed in a consensus by the BTA during its Inaugural Session on on 29 March 2019 through BTA Resolution No. 1 pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII of Republic Act 11054 and, thereafter, when the BTA transition period was extended to 30 June 2025, it reached the same confidence of consensus for the second time upon Sheikh Nando;

**WHEREAS**, as Wali, Sheikh Nando was the ceremonial head of Bangsamoro Government, a symbol of peace who opened the regular sessions of the Bangsamoro Parliament, administered oath of office, and attended public ceremonies of the government;

**WHEREAS**, Sheikh Nando was a pillar of the Bangsamoro struggles and was one of the co-founders of MILF;

**WHEREAS**, Sheikh Nando was a person of proven integrity, dedication, and compassion for his indispensable contributions in laying the foundation of the Bangsamoro Government towards achieving right to self-determination, identity and lasting peace for the Bangsamoro people which merit the profound gratitude of this Parliament;

**WHEREAS**, Sheikh Nando was one of the brilliant students of Madrasah Al-Rasheedah in Pandag, Buluan, Cotabato Empire Province founded in 1950's which later became one of the Islamic learning institutes where most of its learners were granted diplomatic scholarship to Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt;

**WHEREAS**, on 24 August 1959 and at the age of 17, Sheikh Nando, was one of pioneering Bangsamoro students granted for diplomatic scholarship program as Second Batch to Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt where he completed his Islamic Theology Major in Da'wah;

**WHEREAS**, it was his education in Al-Azhar University where he met with the other founding fathers of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Sheikh Salamat Hashim, then an a senior student together, Ibrahim Abdulrahman, and Omar Pasigan;

**WHEREAS**, Sheikh Nando served as a senior member of the MILF Central Committee and a permanent member of the Jihad Executive Council, Member of the Ceasefire Committee of the Eastern Cotabato Region in 1976, MILF Special Envoy to Afghanistan in 1991, Chairman of the Committee on Education of the MILF Central Committee from 1976 to 2003, Chairman of the Bangsamoro Consultative Assembly for 2 years, Chief Justice of the MILF Supreme Shari'ah Court in 2005 until his demise, and President and founding member of Hay-atul Ulama in the Philippines from 2008 to Present;

**WHEREAS**, Sheikh Nando was dedicatedly serving the Bangsamoro cause for right to self-determination in various capacity for 60 years;

**WHEREAS**, on 5 February 2023 Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando, Wali of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, return to Almighty Allah;

**WHEREAS**, while Sheikh Nando had departed from us, we shall always remember forever his contributions to the establishment of a meaningful Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, he practically dedicated his whole life to the Bangsamoro and we are greatly indebted to him as a symbol of peace and unity in the institution of Bangsamoro Government;

**WHEREAS**, may Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala accept all Sheikh Nando's *ibadah* and good deeds. May Allah (SWT) forgive him and give his soul eternal solace in Jannah.

*Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un* (Surely, we belong to Allah and verily to Him do we return).

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to express deepest condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando, the First Wali of the Bangsamoro Government, and extend profound gratitude for his contributions to the Bangsamoro.

**RESOLVE, FURTHER**, to forward and present a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family of Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando.

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