



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 313

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 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 peace in pursuance of Sec. 12, Article IX of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law;

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, a similar bill filed in the House of Representatives, 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, was approved for the Third Reading on 15 November 2022;

WHEREAS, both Senate Bill No. 1272 and HB No. 5693 are significant expressions of the National government to remain true to its commitment to ensure 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;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Parliament strongly supports both Bills as instruments of national unity and solidarity:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is 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.


RESOLVED, 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.

ADOPTED, *Rajab* 04, 1444/January 26, 2023.

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