



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 315

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

WHEREAS, the *Wali* of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023;

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 29 March 2019 through BTA Resolution No. 1 pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII of Republic Act 11054. The same confidence of consensus for the second time was accorded to Sheikh Nando when the BTA transition period was extended to 30 June 2025;

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 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, as the first *Wali* of the Bangsamoro, Sheikh Nando served as a figure of wisdom, prudence and hope; he pushes for the institutionalization of an alternative system of Islamic Finance that is more just and equitable to the society, such as the institutionalization of *Zakat* for the benefit of the whole Bangsamoro Society;

WHEREAS, Sheikh Nando was a pillar of the Bangsamoro struggles and was one of the founders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) who had unconditionally served the Bangsamoro cause for the right to self-determination. He was one of the early Moro students sent for a 2nd batch on a diplomatic scholarship program of Al-azhar University in Cairo, Egypt;

WHEREAS, Sheikh Nando served as a senior member of the MILF Central Committee and a permanent member of the Jihad Executive Council, a 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 Khalipha Usman Nando was a person of proven integrity, dedication, and compassion 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 service;

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

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority is one with the entire Bangsamoro people in offering 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. 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 we shall return):

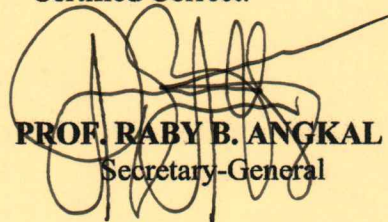
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, 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 (BARMM) Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando and extending profound appreciation and gratitude for his contributions to the Bangsamoro struggle and to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to present the foregoing Resolution to the bereaved family of Sheikh Khalipha Usman Nando, for information.

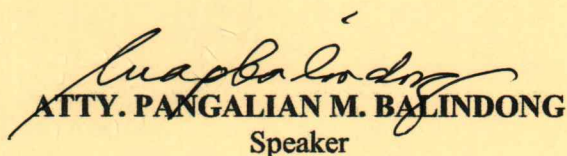
ADOPTED, *Rajab* 26, 1444/February 17, 2023.

Certified Correct:



PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Attested:



ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

/CON: PR171, PR172, PR173, PR174, and PR180