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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE HIRING OF A DEDICATED BARANGAY JUSTICE SECRETARY FOR THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KATARUNGANG PAMBARANGAY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6, Article IV of Republic Act 11054, otherwise known as the “Bangsamoro Organic Law” states that the Bangsamoro Government shall promote unity, peace, justice, and goodwill among all peoples, as well as encourage a just and peaceful settlement of disputes;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter VII, Title I, Book III of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Act of 1991, provides for a system of settling disputes or differences operating in all barangays in the country with the objective to promote, among others, the speedy and effective administration of justice, by laying the ways to amicably resolve personal and family differences among barangay members which considerably reduced the bloating of court dockets<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in a report filed by then Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas, in 2014, the government has realized an estimated savings of P3.1-billion in court litigation costs through the implementation of the barangay justice system or Katarungang Pambarangay with an estimated cost of adjudication per case at Php 9,500.00<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law provides that the barangay secretary shall concurrently serve as the secretary of the lupon. He shall record the results of mediation proceedings before the punong barangay and shall submit a report thereon to the proper city or municipal courts. He shall also receive and keep the records of proceedings submitted to him by the various conciliation panels<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, this added function of the Barangay Secretary hampers the necessary documentation of proceedings in the implementation of the Katarungang Pambarangay, as the

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Manuel Goloso Co - KATARUNGAN PAMBARANGAY (VILLAGE JUSTICE) – THE SOUL OF THE PPA’S INDIVIDUALIZED, COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMME

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2014/05/23/government-saves-p3-1b-through-the-barangay-justice-system/>

<sup>3</sup> Sec. 403, Chapter VII, Title I, Book III of Republic Act 7160

1 Barangay Secretaries would prioritize the functions vested to them in Sec. 394 of RA 7160,  
2 which is already hefty to begin with, due to the lack of material time to perform other tasks and  
3 duties;

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5 **WHEREAS**, the documentation of all steps in the implementation of the Katarungang  
6 Pambarangay is essential in the evaluation of the efficacy of this law as well as to court  
7 proceedings which have gone through the prerequisite of barangay mediation;

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9 **WHEREAS**, in a series of consultations made with the Majority of Barangay Units in Cotabato  
10 City, one of the highly urbanized cities in the region, it was observed that most if not all  
11 barangay units fail completely to lodge all the disputes being brought to them by their  
12 constituents for lack of time and manpower for documenting said mediation proceedings;

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14 **WHEREAS**, this misstep in recording the proceedings leads to an inaccurate appraisal of the  
15 effectiveness of the Katarungang Pambarangay system, especially in our region, which boasts a  
16 myriad of traditional and contemporary modes of settling disputes without the need for court  
17 intervention;

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19 **WHEREAS**, it is only appropriate that a new barangay position be opened in every Barangay  
20 Unit in the Bangsamoro to be dedicated solely for the purposes of recording the results of  
21 mediation proceedings before the punong barangay, for submitting a report thereon to the proper  
22 city or municipal courts, and for receiving and keeping the records of proceedings submitted by  
23 the various conciliation panels<sup>4</sup>;

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25 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE**  
26 **PARLIAMENT**, to pass and approve this resolution urging the Ministry of the Interior and Local  
27 Government (MILG) to allocate funds for the hiring of a dedicated barangay justice secretary for  
28 the necessary documentation needed for the implementation of the Revised Katarungang  
29 Pambarangay Law.

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<sup>4</sup> Sec. 403, Chapter VII, Title I, Book III of Republic Act 7160

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