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RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (MOTC) TO CONSIDER ADDING NEW SEA ROUTES CONNECTING BETWEEN PROVINCES OF SULU, TAWI-TAWI AND MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE IN BARMM

WHEREAS, Section 21, Art. XIII of R.A. 11054 states that "*Transportation Routes in the Zones of Joint Cooperation. - Direct transportation routes connecting the islands in Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, or the mainland parts of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and passing through the Zones of Joint Cooperation shall be considered intra-regional routes*";

WHEREAS, Sec. 2 (zz), Article V of the same law states that "*Powers of the Bangsamoro Government, subject to Section 20, Article X of the Constitution and this Organic Law, Bangsamoro Government shall exercise its authority over the following matters (Trade and Industry) without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Republic of the Philippines*";

WHEREAS, under the Enhanced 12-Point Priority Agenda of the BARMM which states in No. 5 providing to invest in Transportation, Communications and other Strategic Infrastructures wherein BARMM has 10 existing major ports;

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks for an additional new sea routes from Cotabato-Siasi-Bonggao and vice versa and Cotabato-Luuk-Jolo and vice versa, every twice a week is highly recommended to provide easy access of people to transport dry and/or wet goods, and other culturally authentic products to be promoted in the neighboring provinces of Bangsamoro region;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) posted BARMM's per capita Gross Domestic Regional Product (GDRP)/Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure at 54,535 pesos, increased of 5.4 percent from the previous year's record of 51,758 pesos;

WHEREAS, there is a continuing surge of inflation rate in BARMM wherein the Tawi-tawi had the highest inflation rate at 11.7 percent, followed by Basilan at 9.5 percent, and Sulu at 8.4 percent;

WHEREAS, these new additional sea routes will generally boost economic growth and create a window of opportunities in terms of accessibility of the people, efficient and quality implementation of projects and programs, timely delivery of basic social services to the farthest recipients of the Bangsamoro region, and increase tourism, trade and commerce activities, thus it will help the region as well to recover and reduce the inflation rate;

WHEREAS, further, opening above mentioned routes will make travel much more convenient for residents, travelers and regular employees from Sulu and Tawi-tawi to reach the Maguindanao provinces and vice versa.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to strongly urge the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to consider adding new sea routes connecting between provinces of Sulu, Tawi-tawi and Maguindanao del Norte in BARMM.

ADOPTED.

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