



Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 48**

**RESOLUTION GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO THE BANGSAMORO CHILDREN'S DECLARATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

**WHEREAS**, this year, the Philippines and all the other 195 countries that ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child celebrate its anniversary, 30 years after its adoption by the United Nations General Assembly;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention on the Rights of the Child further provides for the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict affording special protections there for;

**WHEREAS**, provisions of the Philippine Constitution articulate the duties of the Philippine Government in upholding the rights of children, to wit:

- a. *Section 11, Article II, which states that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;"*
- b. *Section 3(2), Article XV mandates the State to defend "the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development";*

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government's adherence to 'Moral Governance' also recognizes the rights of all children in the Bangsamoro in accordance with the foregoing treaty obligations;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law enshrines the rights of children and the duty of the Bangsamoro Government in relation thereto, to wit:

*The Bangsamoro Government shall respect, protect and promote the rights of children, especially orphans of tender age. They shall be protected from exploitation, abuse or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental, shall be protected from exploitation, abuse, or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental shall be fully addressed.*

*Bangsamoro policies and programs shall take into utmost consideration the best interest of children, and promote the rights of children. Youth, and adolescents, including their survival and development.*

*The Bangsamoro Government and its constituent local government units shall provide for adequate funding and effective mechanisms for the implementation of this policy."*

**WHEREAS**, according to Philippine Statistics Authority's 2015 data, 31.4% of children were living below the poverty line nationally, while poverty rate increased in the autonomous region from 52.6% in 2006 to 63.1% in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, in commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the children in the Bangsamoro region crafted a Bangsamoro Children's Declaration, calling upon the Bangsamoro Government to commit to the fulfillment the rights of children in the region. Specifically, the Declaration provides that:

1. *All children in the Bangsamoro should be given the right to good education, schools with complete facilities like comfort room, library and school supplies especially books;*
2. *Children should not experience poverty and should not be hungry;*
3. *Lasting peace and that war and rido should end;*
4. *Officials of government should be responsible in carrying out their duties and should avoid corruption;*
5. *Opportunities should be provided to parents for them to access the right information to care for their children so that children grow up with love and care, and are not neglected;*
6. *Children should be listened to and included in finding solutions to the problems of their communities.*

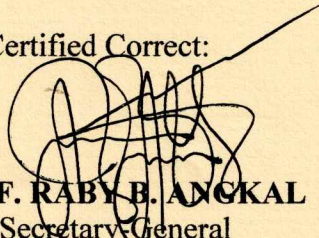
**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government has to provide a venue to promote children's rights in the Bangsamoro and to improve their situation such that their rights to survival, development, protection, and participation, as enshrined in the Philippine Constitution, the Bangsamoro Organic Law, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as reflected in the laws and programs of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it


**RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved, to give full support to the Bangsamoro Children's Declaration, and that laws passed by the Bangsamoro Parliament and the programs of the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure that children's rights are promoted, protected and fulfilled.

**Adopted**, November 20, 2019.

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