

Republic of the Philippines Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 49

RESOLUTION FOR THE **BANGSAMORO** TRANSITION AUTHORITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OFFICIAL TURN-OVER OF SIXTY-THREE (63) BARANGAYS TO THE **BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS** REGION MUSLIM MINDANAO GOVERNMENT, AND TO EXPRESS UTMOST GRATITUDE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO AND ITS PEOPLE FOR PAVING THE WAY FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE SAID 63 BARANGAYS OF NORTH COTABATO IN BARMM

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article III of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao provides that the composition of the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is subject to plebiscite as provided in Section 3, Article XV of this Organic Law;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the sixty-three (63) barangays of North Cotabato province were officially turned over to the Interim Chief Minister of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARM) and the Minister of the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), BARMM;

WHEREAS, the new Moro entity stands to realize the novel cause and collective aspirations of the people in the Bangsamoro land in pursuit of social justice and sustainable peace that will eventually spur inclusive economic growth in this part of the land consistent with the basic mandates of the constitution and national sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the law endeavors to realize the full potential of the people within the Moro populated territories as vital cog of what exactly frames an essential harmonious and progressive society within the perspective of the Bangsamoro people;

WHEREAS, sixty-three (63) of the sixty-seven (67) barangays from six towns of the Cotabato Province overwhelmingly voted for their inclusion in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) during the second round of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) plebiscite held last February 6, 2019;

WHEREAS, in said plebiscite, seven (7) barangays in Carmen, seven (7) barangays in Kabacan, thirteen (13) barangays in Midsayap, twelve (12) barangays in Pigcawayan, two (2) barangays in Aleosan and twenty-two (22) barangays in Pikit opted to join the new Moro government entity pursuant to Republic Act No. 11054, popularly known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law;

WHEREAS, recognizing that by virtue of the plebiscite, the concerned barangays have been included in the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is imperative for the Bangsamoro Government to acknowledge accordingly such official event together with the BTA Parliament expression of utmost gratitude to the leadership of the province of North Cotabato and its people for paving the way for the inclusion of said 63 barangays in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to acknowledge the official turn-over of the sixty-three (63) barangays to BARMM Government, and to express utmost gratitude to the leadership of the province of North Cotabato and its people for paving the way for the inclusion of the said 63 barangays of North Cotabato in BARMM with the end in view of strengthening the local government units pursuant to the principle of local autonomy and R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Adopted, November 22, 2019.

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