



**THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 134**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY ON  
THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III,  
15<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, WITH  
POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE AND  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Benigno “Noynoy” Simeon Cojuangco Aquino III, who was elected as the 15<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines, passed away on June 24, 2021 at the age of sixty-one (61);

**WHEREAS**, President Noynoy Aquino, the only son of the late democracy icons Senator Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr. and former President Corazon Aquino, began his political career as congressional representative of the 2nd District of Tarlac for three consecutive terms, and thereafter became senator from 2007 to 2010;

**WHEREAS**, during his term as President, he oversaw the country’s fastest growth period since the 1970s and challenged China’s expansive claims in the West Philippine Sea before the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague;

**WHEREAS**, former President Aquino III has consistently and properly elevated the Bangsamoro peace and development agenda as part of the national consciousness and discourse, having bannered the pursuit of peace in Muslim Mindanao as a centerpiece of his administration’s priorities;

**WHEREAS**, on his watch as President, the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) was signed, the preliminary peace agreement which paved the way for the creation of the new autonomous political entity that is the Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), which incorporated all the agreements between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), including the FAB and its four annexes, was signed during his time as President, concluding the seventeen (17) years of negotiations between the two parties;

**WHEREAS**, it was in 2014, under his administration, that the draft Bangsamoro Basic Law was submitted to Congress, with him asking the legislators to pass the bill the soonest possible time, marking a turning point in the nation’s quest for genuine peace in Mindanao;

**WHEREAS**, former President Aquino III will be remembered as the Chief Executive who laid the foundations of the current Bangsamoro government and initiated many reforms in the entire Muslim Mindanao region.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to express the sincerest sympathies and condolences of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority on the death of former President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, 15<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines, with posthumous recognition of his contributions to peace and development in the Bangsamoro.



**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** to recommend the placing of the national and regional flags in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region at half-mast for five (5) days in honor of the late former President.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY,** to present the foregoing Resolution to the family of the late former President Aquino III, as a testament of the Bangsamoro people's profound gratitude and honor to the great statesman who helped take us where we are today and clear the path for a peaceful and progressive future for the generations of Bangsamoro to come.

**ADOPTED,** June 24, 2021.



Attested:

  
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Speaker

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**PROF. RUBY B. ANOKAL**  
Secretary-General

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