

Republic of the Philippines Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 74

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALL FRONTLINERS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION FOR THEIR HEROISM, BRAVERY, DEDICATION AND ALTRUISTIC SERVICES IN THE FIGHT **AGAINST COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, it was reported that a pneumonia of unknown cause was detected in Wuhan, China; now characterized as a pandemic after the number of cases outside China significantly increased 3-fold, and the number of affected countries tripled; thereby the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and officially naming the new coronavirus disease: COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Philippines being no exception to the epidemic after the Department of Health (DOH) confirmed that a 38-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan, China arrived in the country via Hongkong on January 21, 2020 and tested positive for then 2019-NCOV;

WHEREAS, on March 09, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte placed the entire country under the state of public health emergency through Proclamation No. 922 due to increasing number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus disease or COVID-19 in the country;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Bangsamoro Government's Ministry of Health (MOH) declared 'Code Red' alert in all health facilities across the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) following the increase of COVID-19 cases in the country, tightening the restrictions in consistency with other cities and countries all over the world:

WHEREAS, per statement by the Bangsamoro Inter-Agency Task Force (BARMM-IATF) Spokesperson and Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Asnin Pendatun, as of March 24, 2020, 9:00PM there are 6, 162 Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) Persons Under Investigation (PUI), while four were confirmed positive of COVID19, two of them have recently died while the other two are currently confined to different hospitals in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the BARMM-IATF on COVID-19 turned over the first set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and medical supplies to the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC), one of the referral hospitals for COVID-19 patients in the region;

WHEREAS, frontliners continue to come to work and serve despite possible exposure to the virus and concerns on shortage of adequate PPEs, i.e. masks, gowns, etc., and medical supplies;

WHEREAS, some frontliners were ordered to observe self-quarantine after exposure to confirmed COVID-19 patients, PUIs and PUMs;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government commends the courage and sacrifices of our frontliners who are risking their health and safety, as well as that of their families, to combat and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, recognizing the remarkable service by our healthcare workers and all other frontliners in risking their lives in an increasingly dangerous conditions, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority salutes for their sterling commitment;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to honor the heroism, bravery, dedication and altruistic services of all the Bangsamoro Frontliners in battling COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, reaffirm the responsibility of Bangsamoro Government to serve and protect the Bangsamoro people as we continue to curb the spread of coronavirus disease.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to publish this Resolution in news outlets of general circulation.

Adopted, June 18, 2020.

Certified

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