



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

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 98**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP) FOR TEMPORARILY ACCOMODATING THE BANGSAMORO LSI BOUND FOR BASILAN, SULU, AND TAWI-TAWI LAST JULY 7, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic which hampered mass mobility, the Philippine Government through the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) organized the *Hatid-Tulong Program* to facilitate the return of *locally stranded individuals* (LSIs) to their home provinces;

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2020, Four Hundred Ninety-Nine (499) LSIs from Manila who were bound for Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi were forced to disembark prematurely in Cagayan de Oro City, instead of the intended port in Zamboanga City;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Government and the concerned local government units of BARMM were only notified of their presence when the LSIs were already made to disembark in Cagayan de Oro City;

**WHEREAS**, as mandated by the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), the Bangsamoro Government, in coordination with local government units outside of the region and the National Government shall provide assistance to Bangsamoro communities residing outside the region to enhance their economic, social and cultural development;

**WHEREAS**, responding to the needs of the LSIs and staying true to its name as the City of Golden Friendship, the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City led by Oscar S. Moreno opened its borders and provided temporary shelter to the Bangsamoro LSIs at the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP);

**WHEREAS**, the response of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City and USTP provided enough leeway for the Bangsamoro Government to make the necessary arrangements and facilitate the safe return of the Bangsamoro LSIs to their home provinces;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, led by Mayor Oscar S. Moreno, and USTP President Dr. Ambrosio B. Cultura II showed exemplary leadership, compassion, and brotherhood by responding to the needs of the Bangsamoro LSIs and opening their borders and facilities despite the threat of the pandemic crisis.

**WHEREAS**, the trait displayed by both Cagayan de Oro City Government and USTP are worthy of praises and emulation – on upholding humanitarian leadership beyond territorial jurisdiction, in this time of crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), to express profound gratitude to the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, led by Mayor Oscar S. Moreno, and the management of USTP headed by its President, Dr. Ambrosio B. Cultura II

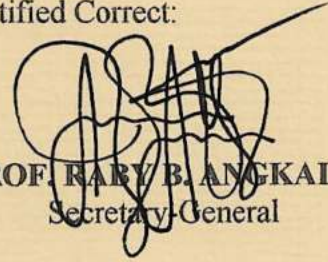


for temporarily accommodating the Bangsamoro LSIs last July 7, 2020, resulting to their safe return to their home provinces in Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to forward the foregoing Resolution to the City Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, Hon. Oscar S. Moreno, and USTP, headed by President Dr. Ambrosio B. Cultura II, for information

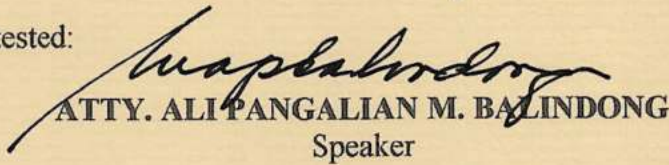
**ADOPTED**, December 17, 2020.

Certified Correct:



**PROF. RARY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General

Attested:



**ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker

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