



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 159

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION
AUTHORITY'S GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA
DUTERTE FOR APPOINTING JUSTICE JAPAR B. DIMAAMPAO
AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, under the Final Peace Agreement signed between the Moro National Liberation Front and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro signed between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, it shall be a policy of the National Government to guarantee the representation of the Autonomous Region in national agencies and instrumentalities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), encapsulates the intent of these agreements by virtue of Section 11, Article VI, which provides:

“As far as practicable, the Bangsamoro Government shall be represented in the departments, offices, commissions, agencies, and bureaus of the National Government that implement and enforce policies, programs, and projects of the National Government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.”

WHEREAS, in the one hundred twenty years history of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, only one Bangsamoro, namely, Justice Abdulwahid Bidin from Tawi-Tawi who was appointed in 1987, was able to serve as member of the highest tribunal in Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Justice Japar B. Dimaampao, with his extensive experience in the legal profession, his accolades as a law professor, and his performance as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals displayed great potential as a candidate for appointment as Supreme Court Justice, and for fourteen times he applied and was shortlisted by the Judicial Bar Council since 2010;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo was appointed as the 27th Supreme Court Chief Justice, and in effect vacating his former seat as an Associate Justice;

WHEREAS, after years of waiting, on September 14, 2021, Justice Japar B. Dimaampao was sworn in as the 191st Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the first Meranao and second Bangsamoro ever to be appointed as member of the highest tribunal of the Republic;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority is grateful to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for taking into consideration the letter and spirit of the signed agreements and the Bangsamoro Organic Law in the appointment of Justice Japar B. Dimaampao as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, thereby ensuring equal representation for the Bangsamoro in National Government instrumentalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to express its sincerest gratitude to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for having appointed Justice Japar B. Dimaampao as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward the foregoing to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his information.

ADOPTED, Safar 8, 1443/September 16, 2021.

Certified Correct:



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