



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 161

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE
TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE FOR APPOINTING
HONORABLE JAPAR B. DIMAAMPAO AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, we are immensely proud and thankful that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed on 2 July 2021 Honorable Japar B. Dimaampao as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines among shortlist recommendations of the Judicial Bar Council (JBC);

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao is one of the youngest justices who took his oath on 14 September 2021 and has then assumed as the 191ST Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao has been consistently short-listed by the JBC for fifteen (15) times for more than ten (10) years and is well-qualified for the position as he has proven competence, integrity, probity, and independence;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao rose from the ranks in the judiciary and a highly-respected member thereof who served four (4) years as Presiding Judge at the Regional Trial Court in Mandaluyong City and thereafter, appointed and served for seventeen (17) years as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao is recognized as the first and only Muslim Senior State Prosecutor, a renowned Bar Review Lecturer in fields of taxation law and commercial law, a Bar Examiner, a Professor of Law, a Member of the University of the Philippines Law Center (UPLC) and an author of law books;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao is a strong advocate of Shari'a Law, a professional lecturer of the Department of Shari'a Law and Jurisprudence of the Philippine Judicial Academy of the Supreme Court and a lecturer of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) in Taxation Law and Commercial Law;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao is the second Bangsamoro constituent to serve in the highest court after thirty-four (34) years of generation apart since the appointment of late Associate Justice Abdulwahid Bidin in the Supreme Court of the Philippines on 12 January 1987;

WHEREAS, Justice Dimaampao will greatly contribute in the strengthening and appreciation of Shari'a Law in the judiciary considering his legal expertise and experience on the matter and his advocacy in the inclusion of Shari'a Law in the Philippines legal system for the Muslims given that substantial portion of the Bangsamoro Organic Law consists of provisions on Shari'a Law;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Justice Dimaampao is strongly supported by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in its BTA Resolution No. 20, "*Resolution Endorsement by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority/Bangsamoro Autonomous Government in the Appointment of the Court of Appeals justice Japar B. Dimaampao as Supreme Court Justice*", approved on 29 July 2019;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Justice Dimaampao in the highest court of the land by President Duterte is an expression of a more meaningful, fair and inclusive Philippine justice system, a living testament of recognition of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants of the autonomous

region in their aspiration for genuine and meaningful self-governance, and a legacy of the present administration that is reflective of the legitimate cause of the Bangsamoro people in their pursuit for long-lasting peace, vital to nation-building:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to express its appreciation and profound gratitude to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in the appointment of Honorable Japar B. Dimaampao as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the Office of the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Justice Dimaampao and the Office of the Judicial Bar Council, for information.

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

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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