



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 176

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE PUBLIC SHAMING OF THE SIX (6)
YOUNG WOMEN WHOSE HEADS WERE SHAVED IN PUBLIC VIEW IN
THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO**

WHEREAS, Section 6, Article IX of R.A. No. 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall fully respect human rights;

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2016, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a resolution on the protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity which reaffirmed that all human being are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religions, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

WHEREAS, the resolution further provides that it strongly deplores acts of violence and discrimination, in all regions of the world, committed against individuals because of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2021, a local news outlet posted photos showing six (6) woman in the Municipality of Ampatuan, Maguindanao whose heads were forcibly shaved in front of people, including men in uniform as a form of public shaming;

WHEREAS, the Activity Report of the Bangsamoro Women Commission which conducted a fact-finding in aid of legislation on the incident provides in part that:

“The six women were punished for being part of the LGBTQIA as it is prohibited in Islam thus they were taken unwillingly from their respective houses by a group of men who rounded them up and shaved their heads, and paraded them in the town’s park stage where they were mocked by people who witnessed the incident. While the act is being committed, several people took a video of the shaving and uploaded it to social media. The people who took the video were wearing military’s uniform. The victims were told that they were taken for purposes of Tarbiyah and several other reasons. Little did they know that they were accused of being part of the LGBTQIA. The parents were also not aware of the reasons as to why their children were being held at that particular place. ”

WHEREAS, the report further provided that the victims showed signs of trauma because of the incident evidenced by their expression of fear when recalling what had happened which further caused them to cry and tremble while they were sharing their unfortunate experiences;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article IV of R.A. No. 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is an integral, indivisible, and inseparable part of the territory of the Republic of the Philippines and that the Bangsamoro people shall uphold the Constitution as the fundamental law of the land and unequivocally owe allegiance and fidelity to the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is among the signatories of the UN Charter of 1945 making the country one of its original signatories;

WHEREAS, the Philippines adheres to the declaration by the United Nations, subscribing to the common program of purposes and principles embodied in its charter;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority condemns public shaming as a form of punishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to condemn the public shaming of the six (6) young women whose heads were shaved in public view in the province of Maguindanao.

ADOPTED, Rabi ul Awwal 7, 1443/October 14, 2021.



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