



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 187

RESOLUTION URGING THE BTA PARLIAMENT, MINISTRIES AND OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT AN AUTOMATED PAYROLL SYSTEM BY MEANS OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE OF RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT DEPOSITARY BANKS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND RELATED PERSONNEL BENEFITS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro allocated a total amount of One Billion Two Hundred Eighty-Four Million Eight Hundred Thirteen Thousand Pesos (₱ 1,284,813,000.00) for Personnel Services of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority for Fiscal Year 2021;

WHEREAS, the current manual method of payroll system, considering the foregoing huge amount of personnel services, is cumbersome to both the Bangsamoro civil servants and the assigned disbursement officers because this manual system is outdated and inefficient, risky and prone to danger, and impractical and inconvenient to civil servants;

WHEREAS, some of the offices of the Bangsamoro civil servants in the Parliament are situated outside the Bangsamoro Government Center in Cotabato City and they have also staff who are reporting in the island provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi;

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate these difficulties, BTA Memorandum Order No. 2021-07-01 was issued on July 23, 2021 requiring the Members of the Parliament to designate their authorized personnel to claim and receive salaries and other financial transactions with the BTA Cashier's Office;

WHEREAS, the practice of picking up a sizeable amount of cash of salaries and related benefits from the Cashier's Office and transporting the same to the external offices to physically deliver them one-by-one personally to the concerned staff poses high risk to the life and security of the designated representatives;

WHEREAS, the manual payroll system also presents a huge burden on the part of the BTA Cashier's Office in manually counting tens to hundreds of millions of cash every month wherefore exponentially increasing the margin of error on their part;

WHEREAS, there was an instance when due, to inadvertence, the BTA Cashier's Office, which manifested its support to this resolution, had Twelve Thousand Pesos (P12,000) salary deficit on July 2021 payroll payout which they personally covered;

WHEREAS, an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) of government depository as a payroll system is convenient to all concerned, both the disbursement officers and the civil servant recipients; this will eliminate risk of loss and it will attain and ensure greater efficiency, economy, transparency, and accountability in the handling of public fund and human resource processes, reduce redundancy and paperwork and cut red tape in the processing of government payroll, optimize government cash flow, and enable employees to receive their salaries real time, anywhere and anytime especially for those working in remote areas such as Lanao Del Sur and the Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi;

WHEREAS, the upgrading from manual to automated payroll system will certainly resolve the stated issues and will do more good than bad to the Members of the Parliament;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Civil Service Code refers to moral governance as a set of rules, practices, and processes completely devoid of all evils of graft and corruption, and explicitly driven by the moral principles of utmost dedication, devotion, honesty, justice, integrity, and excellence (*ihsaan*):

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to urge BTA Parliament, ministries and offices to adopt an automated payroll system by means of automated teller machine of recognized government depository banks for the payment of salaries and related personnel benefits of the employees of the Bangsamoro Government in order to promote operation efficiency, to strengthen the internal control on cash, to ensure adequate safeguard of the interest of the Bangsamoro Government, and to ultimately promote moral governance.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to forward this foregoing Resolution to all ministries and offices of the BARMM, for information and appropriate consideration.

ADOPTED, Rabi Al-akhir 13, 1443/November 18, 2021.

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