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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City 9600

BY THE CHIEF MINISTER

PROCLAMATION NO. 1 5 5 Series of 2024

DECLARING THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2024, AS A REGIONAL SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO IN OBSERVANCE OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN DAY

WHEREAS, by virtue of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39, "An Act Governing the Observance of Regular and Special Holidays in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Repealing for the Purpose Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 17, Otherwise Known as An Act Recognizing Muslim Historical and Religious Events and All Existing Muslim Holidays in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and for Other Purposes," it is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to recognize the observance of regional and local public holidays that preserve and promote the rich history, tradition, and cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro;

WHEREAS, Shariff Mohamad Kabunsuan, a revered Arab-Malay missionary, played a pivotal role in introducing Islam to the indigenous communities of Mindanao through dedicated efforts in peaceful missionary work and engaging dialogue, founding Islamic communities that served as centers for learning and enriched local culture;

WHEREAS, the profound teachings and contributions of Shariff Kabunsuan, which significantly enhanced the distinctive Islamic identity of the region and the propagation of Islam in the Philippines, especially within the Bangsamoro region, continue to resonate, leaving an enduring mark on the cultural and religious heritage of the Bangsamoro;

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor and recognize the life and legacy of Shariff Kabunsuan by setting aside a special day for his commemoration;

WHEREAS, Art. VII, Sec. 32 of Republic Act No. 11054 grants the Chief Minister power to "issue executive orders and other policies of the Bangsamoro Government" and to "exercise such other powers and functions inherent to the office;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AHOD B. EBRAHIM, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Thursday, 19 December 2024, as a REGIONAL SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY throughout the entire BARMM in observance of SHARIFF KABUNSUAN DAY.

All government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities, as well as educational institutions and private sector entities in BARMM, are enjoined to participate in and support activities that will promote the understanding and appreciation of Shariff Kabunsuan's contributions to our history and culture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Bangsamoro Government to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Cotabato, this 13th day of December 2024.

AHOD B. EBRAHIM

Chief Minister

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