



Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao



BANGSAMORO COMMISSION
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Complex Building, Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City
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RESOLUTION NO. 004
Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS SECTOR

WHEREAS, the BCPCH is created by virtue of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 13 otherwise known as “An Act Providing for the Bangsamoro Administrative Code and Other Related Purposes” as enacted by Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament;

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article IX of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the “Organic Law of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (Bangsamoro Organic Law),” states that the Bangsamoro Government shall preserve the history, culture, arts, traditions, and the rich cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro people and their Sultanates, such as those of Sulu, Maguindanao, Kabuntalan, Buayan, the Royal House of Lanao and of the Iranun, and the non-Moro Indigenous peoples of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7(c) of Republic Act No. 11054 and Section 15, Article IV-C of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35, otherwise known as “An Act Providing for the Bangsamoro Electoral Code of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao,” provides that the reserved seats and sectoral representatives shall constitute at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the Parliament, which shall include two (2) reserved seats each for non-Moro indigenous peoples and settler communities. Women, youth, traditional leaders, and the *Ulama* shall have one sectoral seat each: *Provided*, That the reserved seats and sectoral representatives shall in no case be less than eight (8) seats;

WHEREAS, Section 18, Article IV-C of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 provides for the registration requirement for sectoral organizations wherein sectoral organizations duly registered with the COMELEC through the BRAC, may participate in the sectoral representative elections: *Provided*, That sectoral organizations of traditional leaders shall be certified by the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage. Within one hundred twenty (120) days from promulgation of this Code, the appropriate certifying ministries and offices shall issue corresponding guidelines for the process of certification, copies of which shall be furnished to the Parliament;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Article IV-E of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 provides for the manner of election of traditional leaders wherein the BCPCH shall hold a regional convention of Sultans representing the Sultanates of: a) Sulu, b) Maguindanao, Kabuntalan, and Buayan, c) Lanao, and d) Iranun for the purpose of determining the order by which each of the Sultanate shall represent the sector in the Parliament;

WHEREAS, it is essential to formulate, approve, and adopt the Implementing Guidelines on the Certification Process for the Traditional Leaders Sector in furtherance of ensuring that the BCPCH has the capacity and competency to perform the duties and responsibilities mandated by law and to ensure the democratic process of certifying the sectoral organizations of traditional leaders as the first step for their qualification to the Parliamentary seat;

WHEREAS, for the BCPCH to be guided in its certification process, implementing guidelines must be established. These guidelines shall serve as a beacon to ensure collaborative



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engagement by pursuing genuine and dynamic engagement with the traditional leaders, or their representatives, in the performance of its duties and responsibilities as an office tasked with certifying the sectoral organizations of traditional leaders;

WHEREAS, in order to have an effective and efficient certification process of the sectoral organizations of traditional leaders, the implementing guidelines must be adopted and promulgated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS SECTOR.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the BARMM Government of the Day and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament Floor Leader;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of Rabi Al Awwal 1445 AH / ____ day of October 2023 in the City of Cotabato, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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