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RESOLUTION NO. <u>021</u> Series of 2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE REGIONAL CONVENTION OF SULTANS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (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 Ranao 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 Commission on Elections (COMELEC) through the Bangsamoro Registration and Accreditation Committee (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;

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) Ranao; and
- d) Iranun;

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for the purpose of determining the order by which each of the Sultanate shall represent the sector in the Parliament;

WHEREAS, the Regional Convention of Sultans serves as a vital platform for the assembly and collaboration of traditional leaders across the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, promoting the preservation of cultural heritage, peacebuilding, and the advancement of the rights and welfare of the Bangsamoro people;

WHEREAS, the original implementing guidelines governing the Regional Convention of Sultans were established to ensure the orderly conduct of the convention and to facilitate the effective participation of all stakeholders involved;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the implementing guidelines has been made to ensure consistency and alignment with the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), thereby promoting legal uniformity and compliance with national election standards and procedures;

WHEREAS, the adoption of the amended implementing guidelines is essential to reinforce the integrity and relevance of the Regional Convention of Sultans, ensuring that it remains a robust and respected institution within the Bangsamoro region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE REGIONAL CONVENTION OF SULTANS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM);

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 28th day of Muharram 1446 AH / 3rd day of August 2024 in the City of Cotabato, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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