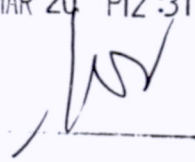


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1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO DECLARE MARCH 18- 24, 2018  
2 AS 'BANGSAMORO SOLIDARITY WEEK'

3 **WHEREAS**, Our 1987 Constitution renounces war as an instrument of national policy,  
4 adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land  
5 and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with  
6 all nations. (*Article II, Section 2*);

7 **WHEREAS**, The Constitution clearly advocates for the maintenance of peace and order, the  
8 protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare as essential  
9 for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy. (*Article II, Section 5*);

10 **WHEREAS**, The Constitution mandates the creation of an autonomous region in Muslim  
11 Mindanao and calls for the enactment of an organic act for the autonomous region;

12 **WHEREAS**, In the quest for a just and lasting peace in Mindanao, the Government of the  
13 Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) signed a Comprehensive  
14 Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) on March 27, 2014;

15 **WHEREAS**, The gains of almost two decades of peace process and negotiations between the  
16 GRP/GPH and MILF must be realized as part of the national agenda for peace and social  
17 justice;

18 **WHEREAS**, The Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), a legal instrument reflecting the CAB, its  
19 annexes, and in essence, and all prior peace agreements aiming at correcting historical  
20 injustice is on its way to becoming a law;

21 **WHEREAS**, The Marawi incident last year, which has unfortunately resulted to the brutal  
22 demise and displacement of thousands of innocent civilians, has grave implications to the  
23 continuing peace process;

1 **WHEREAS**, Civil society, the broad peace movements, and the peoples of Mindanao remain  
2 steadfast with their commitment to the peace process and thus express their full support to  
3 the immediate enactment of an inclusive Bangsamoro law that ensures delivery of  
4 significant peace and social justice measures to end the decades of conflict in Mindanao and  
5 address the historical injustices committed against the Bangsamoro and all other  
6 inhabitants of Mindanao;

7 **WHEREAS**, In the spirit of solidarity and peace, members of civil society, the broad peace  
8 movements and the peoples of Mindanao, under the banners of *All-Out Peace (AOP)*  
9 *movement, Mindanao Peaceweavers (MPW) and Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)*,  
10 fully support all meaningful solutions to achieve a lasting peace and social justice for  
11 Mindanao and any measure that seeks to provide greater autonomy for the Bangsamoro as  
12 mandated by the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

13 **WHEREAS**, Significant historical events in the Bangsamoro include: the signing of the  
14 Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro on 27th of March 2014; commemoration of  
15 the historic 'Jabidah Massacre' which took place on 18th of March 1968; the Bud Dajo  
16 Massacre on 6th of March 1906; the 'Dansalan Declaration' on 18th of March 1935; the celebration  
17 of the Bangsamoro Week of Peace which started on 12<sup>th</sup> of March; and the entire month of  
18 March as Women's Herstory Month honoring the courageous women of Mindanao and the  
19 whole country;

20 **WHEREAS**, Civil society formations together with their broad constituency and partners in  
21 the Bangsamoro and the entire country have decided to issue a "People's Declaration for A  
22 Day of Solidarity for the Bangsamoro" on March 18, 2018 in recognition of the just struggle  
23 of the Bangsamoro people for self-determination;

24 **WHEREAS**, In recognition of the gains and integrity of the peace process and the historical  
25 events that shaped the Bangsamoro struggle, a solidarity week is set to commemorate  
26 peace and justice in the Bangsamoro and the entire country;

27 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the  
28 Philippines, in the spirit of staying the course for genuine peace, support to the peace  
29 process and standing in full solidarity with the Bangsamoro, to support and declare  
30 henceforth **March 18-24 2018**, as the '**BANGSAMORO SOLIDARITY WEEK**'.

31 **Adopted,**

*Atty. - Sarapul*