



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 155

**RESOLUTION CALLING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FRONTLINE
HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE BARMM WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED
DUE TO COVID-19 INFECTION**

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government is mandated to provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of basic and responsive health programs to the inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (Section 8, Article IX of R.A. No. 11054);

WHEREAS, it is one of the declared health policies of the Bangsamoro Government to provide for a comprehensive and integrated health service delivery for its constituents, to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, and to uphold the peoples' right to have access to essential goods, health and other social services that promote their well-being (Section 1, Chapter I, Title V, Bangsamoro Administrative Code);

WHEREAS, the 2021 General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro provided for the Quick Response Fund (QRF) under the Office of the Chief Minister, which is intended for health services as well as a Contingent Fund for various disasters;

WHEREAS, around 3,000 healthcare workers from the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao-Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (BARMM-READi) are serving as direct frontline healthcare workers;

WHEREAS, there are numbers of direct frontline healthcare workers in the BARMM who contracted COVID-19 while in the performance of their functions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to help our direct frontline healthcare workers who contracted COVID-19 to defray hospitalization and other expenses incurred in treating COVID-19 infection;

WHEREAS, frontline healthcare workers are critical in the fight against COVID-19. Extending assistance and support to them is one way that the Bangsamoro Government can demonstrate its support for these frontline healthcare workers who are at the forefront of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, government institutions like the Supreme Court of the Philippines in OCA Circular No. 51A-2021 dated April 28, 2021, have authorized the grant of financial assistance to their personnel who contracted COVID-19 and required inpatient care or hospital confinement, depending on the extent of their illnesses (mild to moderate illness, severe to critical illness, and death due to COVID-19), whether or not hospitalized:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

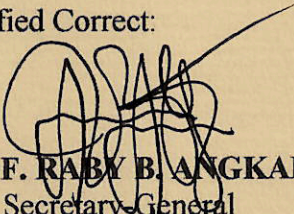
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to call the Office of the Chief Minister to provide financial assistance to frontline healthcare workers who contracted COVID-19 and required inpatient care or hospital confinement, depending on the extent of their illness.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the office of the Chief Minister, in close coordination with the Ministry of Health, shall issue implementing guidelines in carrying out this Resolution.

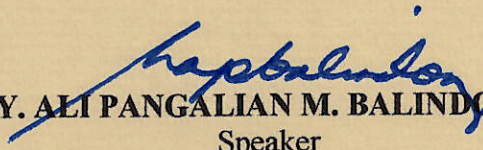
RESOLVED FINALLY, to forward this Resolution to the office of the Chief Minister Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim, MOH-BARMM and all other concerned ministries for information and appropriate consideration.

ADOPTED, Safar 7, 1443/September 15, 2021.

Certified Correct:


PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Attested:


ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

