



Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER
Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City 9600

PROCLAMATION NO. 0007 98
Series of 2026

**DECLARING 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 AS A REGIONAL SPECIAL (NON-WORKING)
HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN
MUSLIM MINDANAO FOLLOWING THE FIRST REGULAR PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the first regular Parliamentary Elections of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) are scheduled to be held on 14 September 2026 (Monday) pursuant to Republic Act No. 12317, which reset the date of the first Parliamentary Elections of the Bangsamoro;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 5(h) of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, recognizes the authority of the Bangsamoro Parliament to enact laws declaring Bangsamoro holidays, while Article VII, Section 32 authorizes the Chief Minister to head the Bangsamoro Government, issue executive orders and other policies of the Bangsamoro Government, and exercise such other powers and functions inherent to the Office;

WHEREAS, Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39, otherwise known as the “Bangsamoro Holidays Act of 2023,” governs the observance of regional and local public holidays in the BARMM and provides that special holidays may be proclaimed by the Chief Minister, subject to the requirements and procedures prescribed therein;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39 provides that holidays declared under said Act shall be officially observed by the private sector and by all branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities, and agencies of the Bangsamoro Government, including its constituent local government units, established and operating within the BARMM;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of ensuring the full and meaningful participation of the Bangsamoro people in the electoral process, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued Proclamation No. 1395 declaring Monday, 14 September 2026, as a special (non-working) day throughout the BARMM to enable residents to participate in the election and exercise their right to vote;

WHEREAS, the conduct of the first regular Parliamentary Elections is expected to result in substantial movement of voters throughout the BARMM, including travel to and from distant provinces, cities, municipalities, barangays, and geographic areas, and the immediate resumption of regular work on the following day may pose practical concerns relating to safe and orderly return travel, public convenience, and the orderly resumption of governmental, commercial, and other activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me under

Republic Act No. 11054, Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39, and other applicable laws, do hereby proclaim:

SECTION 1. Declaration. — Tuesday, 15 September 2026, is hereby declared a REGIONAL SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) HOLIDAY throughout the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

SECTION 2. Coverage. — Consistent with Section 4 of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39, this Proclamation shall be officially observed by the private sector and by all branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities, ministries, offices, agencies, and other institutions of the Bangsamoro Government, including its constituent provinces, cities, municipalities, barangays, and geographic areas, established and operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the BARMM. Offices of the Bangsamoro Government located outside the territorial jurisdiction of the BARMM shall likewise be covered, as provided by law.

For avoidance of doubt, national government departments, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities located within the BARMM shall be governed by applicable national laws and issuances, unless otherwise expressly provided by competent national authority.

SECTION 3. Resumption of Work and Operations. — Regular work, office operations, classes, business activities, and other activities covered by this Proclamation shall resume on Wednesday, 16 September 2026, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 4. Labor Standards. — The payment of wages and other labor standards applicable to employees in the private sector shall be governed by the Labor Code of the Philippines, applicable rules and regulations, and Section 12 of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 39.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. — This Proclamation shall take effect upon its issuance and publication in accordance with applicable law.

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

Done this 10th day of September 2026, at the Office of the Chief Minister, Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City.



ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA
Chief Minister



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