



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO
PROMINENTLY DISPLAY AT THEIR ENTRANCE WHETHER THEY
SERVE PORK AND ITS BY-PRODUCTS OR NOT**

WHEREAS, at the 2023 Halal In Travel Global Summit, the Philippines was recognized as an Emerging Muslim-friendly Destination;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10611, also known as the “*Food Safety Act of 2013*”, provides regulations to ensure food safety, protect consumer health, and facilitate market access for local foods and food products in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in the absence of a direct law requiring restaurants to label all pork dishes, the broader food safety regulations aim to protect consumers and promote fair practices in the food trade, Republic Act No. 10611 does have broader objectives, *to wit*;

- (1) Protection from unsafe foods;
- (2) Enhancing industry and consumer confidence; and
- (3) Economic growth and fair trade;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is an emerging market for *halal* products due to its growing Muslim population and is positioning itself as a *halal* food processing hub for export to other countries and regions with significant Muslim populations;

WHEREAS, in Southeast Asia, the Philippines, which has the third largest Muslim population, has approximately six percent (6%) of its people identifying as Muslim, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority, with the population growing at a rate of three percent (3%) annually;

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) estimates the Muslim population is ten percent (10%), equivalent to twelve million (12,000,000) people;

WHEREAS, the majority of Muslims in the Philippines reside in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, To request all food establishments in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to prominently display at their entrance whether they serve pork and its by-products or not.

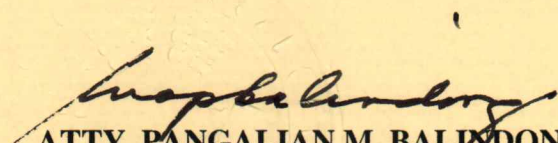
RESOLVED, FURTHER, To furnish a copy of this Resolution to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, the NCMF, and the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta’ for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED, *Sha’ban* 19, 1446/February 18, 2025.

Certified Correct:


PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Attested:


ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

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