

Republic of the Philippines
City of Davao
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE JOINT STATEMENT OF BISHOP-ULAMA CONFERENCE TO PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND THE MILF ON THE OCCASION OF THE MINDANAO WEEK OF PEACE CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 27 – DEC. 3, 2008

WHEREAS, the Bishop-Ulama Conference on the occasion of the celebration of Mindanao Week of Peace issued a joint statement;

WHEREAS, “We renew our call for the cessation of all hostilities in order to create a climate of peace where diverse voices can confidently be expressed and sincerely heard. And on the recent violence committed by rebel groups in some parts of Mindanao, let the force of the law be applied with justice that leads to peace. We appeal to let the peace talks between the GRP and the MILF continue, in whatever level or means, and let peace panels be convened as soon as the situation allows it”;

WHEREAS, “We urge the national and the local government to intensify efforts to stop kidnapping, especially in Mindanao. Kidnapping hurts families, wastes precious lives and so much resources, endangers peace and development advocates and humanitarian workers. Kidnapping does not serve the Bangsamoro struggle for independence for self-determination. We speak to the families of the kidnapers – please touch the hearts of your kin to consider the pains inflicted on the families of the victims. We call on all concerned sectors of society to organize and devise more effective ways to curb this menace”;

WHEREAS, “We would like to make special request to various healing professionals and practitioners. Please devote extra time and expertise for the care of so many victims, witnesses, and even perpetrators of violence, past and present. Their wound and scars, both as individuals and as communities, are still waiting for that kind of treatment that can bring back forgiveness, reconciliation and wholeness”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that this Body pass a resolution supporting and endorsing the joint statement of Bishop-Ulama Conference to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the MILF on the occasion of the Mindanao Week of Peace celebration November 27 – Dec. 3, 2008.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Bishop-Ulama Conference, the Mindanao Peoples Caucus, Mindanao Tripartite Youth Core, United Tribal Youth in Mindanao, the United Youth for Peace and Development and all colleges and schools of Davao City for their information.

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