



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. 0002
Series of 2025

**DECLARING 19 DECEMBER 2025 AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE
CITY OF COTABATO IN CELEBRATION OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN DAY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) No. 39, it is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to recognize the observance of regional and local public holidays that preserve and promote the rich history, tradition, and cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro and other peoples in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, Shariff Kabunsuan Day is one of the special working holidays as provided in the BAA No. 39;

WHEREAS, under the same act, it was stated that the Chief Minister may modify by proclamation the actual dates of the observance of the regular holidays or special holidays in a given year, provided that the same be consistent with the policy of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, Shariff Kabunsuan was a distinguished Muslim missionary and leader who introduced Islam to Mindanao, established the Sultanate of Maguindanao, and became its first Sultan;

WHEREAS, his teachings and contributions have profoundly shaped the cultural and religious foundations of the BARMM, and it is fitting to honor and remember his life and works by setting aside a special day for public observance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 11054, also known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law, paved the way for the creation of the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH), which shall have the primary responsibility to write the history of the Bangsamoro people and to establish and sustain the cultural institutions, programs, and projects in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, the BCPCH strongly recommends that the commemoration of Shariff Kabunsuan Day on 19th of December 2025 be declared as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the City of Cotabato in recognition of his significant role in propagating Islam in the Bangsamoro region and the entire Philippines;

WHEREAS, Art. VII, Sec. 32 of RA No. 11054, grants the Chief Minister power to issue executive orders and other policies of the Bangsamoro Government, and to exercise such other powers and functions inherent to the office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare 19 December 2025, Friday, a **SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY** in the City of Cotabato in observance of the **SHARIFF KABUNSUAN DAY**.

All government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities, as well as educational institutions and private sector entities in the City of Cotabato, are enjoined to participate in and support activities that promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the life and legacy of Shariff Kabunsuan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall be published in the Bangsamoro gazette or at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the BARMM.

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

DONE in the City of Cotabato, this 18th day of December 2025.


ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA
Chief Minister 

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