



**THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 157**

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JUSTICE JAPAR B. DIMAAMPAO ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE 191<sup>ST</sup> ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR BEING THE SECOND MUSLIM MAGISTRATE TO SERVE IN THE HIGH TRIBUNAL**

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2021, Malacañang made public an official communication signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte dated July 2, 2021, officially appointing Justice Japar Babay Dimaampao as the 191<sup>st</sup> Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, having been appointed to serve in the Supreme Court until 2033, Justice Dimaampao now carries the distinction of being the second Muslim magistrate to join the high tribunal after the late Associate Justice and Tawi-Tawi native Abdulwahid Bidin, who was appointed in 1987;

**WHEREAS**, the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announced the opening for application or recommendation of the position of Supreme Court Associate Justice to fill the vacancy left by Hon. Alexander Gesmundo who was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on 5 April 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) has previously endorsed and expressed its support for the nomination of Justice Japar B. Dimaampao through BTA Resolution No. 20 dated 29 July 2019;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 11, Article VI of R.A. 11054, the Bangsamoro Government shall, as far as practicable, be represented in the departments, offices, commissions, agencies, and bureaus of the National Government;

**WHEREAS**, a native of Poona Bayabao and Lumba-Bayabao, Lanao del Sur, Justice Dimaampao is a devoted educator who is highly regarded as an expert in the fields of Taxation and Commercial Law, a renowned jurist, an illustrious author, and a strong advocate for the creation of a Shari'a appellate court;

**WHEREAS**, prior to his appointment in the Supreme Court, Justice Japar B. Dimaampao, served as Court of Appeals Associate Justice for seventeen (17) years and holds the honor of being the youngest to have been appointed in the appellate court;

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, his career is marked by distinctions as a renowned Muslim jurist, devoted legal educator, author, Bar examiner, lecturer, and legal expert in Taxation, Commercial Law, and Civil Law;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, the Justice Japar B. Dimaampao, has not only represented the Bangsamoro People with utmost integrity and competence, but has also given his unwavering support and assistance to the Bangsamoro cause inspiring prospective Bangsamoro lawyers and serving as a model worthy of emulation:

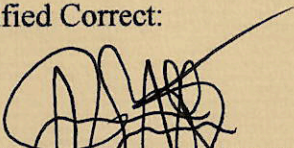
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to congratulate and commend Justice Japar B. Dimaampao on his appointment as the 191<sup>st</sup> Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and for being the second Muslim magistrate to serve in the high tribunal.

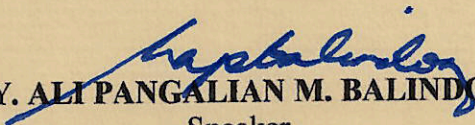
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to forward the foregoing Resolution to Justice Japar B. Dimaampao for information.

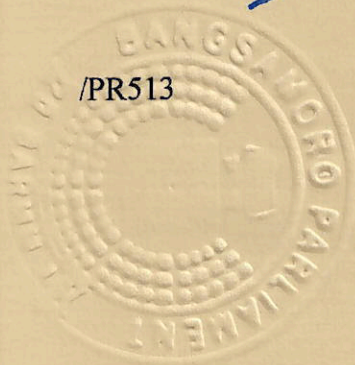
**ADOPTED**, Safar 7, 1443/September 15, 2021.

Certified Correct:

  
**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary General

Attested:

  
**ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker



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