



**EIGHT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
(First Regular Session)

**RESOLUTION NO. 578**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT PEACE PANELS TO GRANT EXCLUSIVE POWER TO THE BANGSAMORO OVER THE CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE LANAO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Peace Panels are already in the stage of crafting the Annex on Power Sharing of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, control over the management, conservation, utilization and development of natural resources is one of the issues being negotiated, and that certainly Lake Lanao is just one of the many natural resources of the Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, over the past few decades, Lake Lanao has already suffered from physical degradation and the Maranao people living within and along its shorelines have experienced tremendous losses to their livelihoods as consequences of government policies on the lake;

**WHEREAS**, it is provided in RA 9054 that the protection, rehabilitation, and the sustainable development of forests, coastal and marine resources, including the adoption of programs and projects to ensure the maintenance of ecological balance, shall be given priority;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of the fact that Lake Lanao was proclaimed as a watershed reservation in 1992 by virtue of Presidential Proclamation 971 in order to ensure protection of its forest cover and water yield for hydropower, irrigation and domestic uses, current institutional arrangements have failed to stop or even mitigate the continuing degradation of Lake Lanao in the form of water inflow and outflow declination, lake water level decrease, and lakebed exposure, among several concerns;

**WHEREAS**, the construction of hydroelectric power plants utilizing the waters of Lake Lanao has virtually relegated unto the National Power Corporation the control over Lake Lanao and has stripped the local governments and even the Autonomous Regional Government of any effective authority over this regional patrimony;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to correct this anomalous institutional arrangement and give justice to the local inhabitants of Lake Lanao and empower themselves and their rightfully constituted governments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Regional Legislative Assembly, as it is hereby resolved, To request the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front Peace Panels to grant exclusive power to the Bangsamoro over the conservation, utilization and development of Lake Lanao.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER** to forward the foregoing Resolution to the GPH and MILF Peace Panels, through the Office of the Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and His Excellency, President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, for appropriate action and information.

**ADOPTED**, September 2, 2013.

Certified Correct:

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