



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS**

COMMISSION EN BANC

RESOLUTION NO. 06, SERIES OF 2023

**AN ENBANC RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PASSAGE INTO LAW OF SENATE BILL NO. 382 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC VALUES EDUCATION (ALIVE) ACT"**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8(w) Article II of Republic Act No. 9997 otherwise known as the NCMF Act of 2009, provides that the Commission shall "ensure that the curriculum of the Madrasah education system shall conform with the basic curriculum of the national formal education system which, **along with teachings on Arabic Language, Islamic Studies, and Filipino and Islamic Values** shall include, among others, the subjects on Filipino and English Grammar and Usage, Philippine History and Geography, Science and Technology, Mathematics, Physical Education and Sports Development, and Vocational Education to secure the local and international competitiveness of Muslim Filipino graduates from the Madrasah educational institutions;

**WHEREAS**, the passage into law of SB No. 382 is imbued with Muslim Filipino interest considering that the *Asatidz* and the Muslim youth are the direct beneficiaries of this proposed law;

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of SB No. 382 is aligned with the *raison d'être* of the Commission *i.e.* to protect and uphold the interest and welfare of Muslim Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, SB No. 382 complements one of the priorities of the present administration *i.e.* the integration of *Madaris* into the public school system through recommending the appointment of a DepEd Undersecretary for *Madaris*;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Commission to express its strong support to the passage into law of SB No. 382 and to commend Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian who authored this proposed law despite being a non-Muslim;

**NOW, WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing upon motion of Commissioner Yusoph J. Mando, and unanimously seconded, the Commission **RESOLVES** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to express its strong support for the passage into law of SB No. 382 as well its commendation for its author, Senator Win Gatchalian. **RESOLVED FURTHER** to direct the Bureau of Muslim Cultural Affairs (BMCA) and assisted by the Bureau of Legal Affairs (BLA), to submit within fifteen (15) days from the approval hereof, a position paper on SB No. 382 to the office of Senator Gatchalian subject to the approval of the Commission.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 in Quezon City, Philippines.

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