

Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Cotabato City

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Begun and held in Cotabato City, the twenty-seventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Two.

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[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 12]

AN ACT ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL REGIONAL EMBLEM FOR THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative
Assembly in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to assume its role as a distinct and separate political entity within the Philippine Republic. Towards this end, it shall adopt a Regional Emblem of its own that is reflective of its legend, historical aspirations, and cultural heritage.

SECTION 2. Official Regional Emblem. - There is hereby adopted an Official Regional Emblem, hereinafter referred to as the ARMM Flag, which shall be the symbol of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

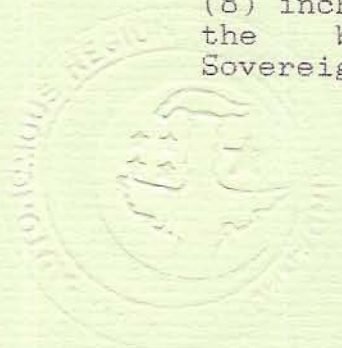
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SECTION 3. Description and Interpretation.

- The Official Regional Emblem shall be in the shape and dimension of a standard flag, three (3) feet by five-and-a-half (5 1/2) feet, and shall contain six (6) distinctive colors, five (5) stars, a crescent, and a kris, as described and interpreted as follows:

1. The left side portion of the whole length of the emblem shall be in blue and occupies one-third (1/3) of the whole flag. It stands for peace and tranquility;
2. The middle portion of the length of the emblem shall be in white, signifying purity and righteousness, and occupies one third (1/3) of the whole flag;
3. The right side portion of the whole length of the emblem shall be in red, and occupies at least one third (1/3) of the whole flag. It stands for the bloody struggle of its people for self-identity and self-determination;
4. In the middle of the white portion shall be a green circle in which the crescent and the four (4) small stars, all in yellow, shall be placed. These colors reflect the abundance of vegetation in, and the cultures of the inhabitants of, the Autonomous Region;
5. The big star which is placed at about eight (8) inches from the top edge, mid-width of the blue portion represents the Sovereignty of the Republic of the




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Philippines over the Autonomous Region and its constituent Provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi as represented therein by the four (4) small stars;

6. The Crescent depicts the predominance of the Muslim inhabitants in the Autonomous Region. It shall be placed on the green circle at the center of the emblem in an acute angle position towards the big star, engulfing the four (4) small stars; and
7. The Kris is a symbol of authority used by the major tribes in the Autonomous Region. It also signifies the valor and perseverance of the Bangsamoro people in their quest for self-rule. The Kris shall be silver in color occupying the center of the red portion. It shall be placed in such a way that the handle is about eight (8) inches from the top with the blade downwards.

SECTION 4. Use and Coverage. - The Regional Emblem shall always be regarded with utmost respect and admiration. It shall be raised in mast at the left side of the Philippine Flag and at least two (2) meters apart from each other, and one (1) foot lower than the Philippine Flag.

All public and private schools, colleges and universities, public offices, government-owned or controlled corporations, and other government instrumentalities are required to use and display the Regional Emblem in the area of Autonomy. 



Where necessary, the Regional Emblem may also be used in ceremonial and symbolic functions and activities, and the same may likewise be reproduced in smaller sizes for purposes thereof.

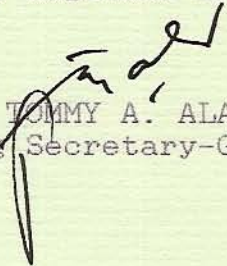
SECTION 5. Appropriations. - For the initial production of the Regional Emblem, the amount of One Hundred Thousand (P100,000.00) Pesos is hereby authorized to be charged to any funds of the Office of the Regional Governor, not otherwise appropriated, for distribution to the different government offices in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region.

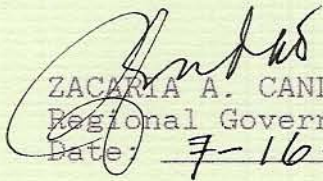
APPROVED:


ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on June 15, 1992.


TOMMY A. ALA
Acting Secretary-General

APPROVED:


ZACKARIA A. CANDAO
Regional Governor
Date: 7-16-92