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Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Committee
Department of Social Welfare and Development
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RJJWC ARMM

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND ENDORSING TO THE REGIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF ARMM (RSDC ARMM) THE RJJWC ARMM POSITION PAPER AGAINST LOWERING OF MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 603 known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code originally set the minimum age of criminal responsibility (MACR) at nine years old;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and welfare Act of 20016 amended the MACR from nine (9) to fifteen (15) years old, based on studies on the problems of children while in detention;


WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2 of 2016 entitled "Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility Act" seeks to revert the MACR to nine years old, based on the claims that children are being used by the criminals because they could not be held criminally liable;


WHEREAS, the Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Committee ARMM (RJJWC ARMM) is one with the government that aims for a crime-free country and recognizes the importance of preventive and proactive activities at the community level as the states long-term crime prevention mechanism;

WHEREAS, RJJWC ARMM prepared a position paper strongly opposing House Bill no. 2 that seeks to lower minimum age of criminal responsibility (MACR) from fifteen to nine years old.

RESOLVED, THEREFORE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the committee formally adopts and endorses to RSDC ARMM the RJJWC ARMM position paper against lowering of minimum age of criminal responsibility.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2017 at DSWD Conference Room, ORG Compound, Cotabato City


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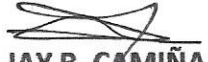

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