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**Seventeenth Sangguniang Panlalawigan**  
PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI

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S.P. RESOLUTION No. 104-17, s. 2024

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF TAWI-TAWI FOR THE SULTANATE OF DUNGUN AS A LEADING AND UNIFYING INSTITUTION TO PRESERVE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS, AND ENSURE THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING OF ITS PEOPLE**

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**WHEREAS**, the Sultanate of Sulu, historically founded over 600 years ago, has long represented the pinnacle of leadership, governance and cultural influence among the Tausug people and their neighboring communities, including those within the boundaries of Tawi-Tawi;

**WHEREAS**, the Sultanate of Dungun, as an extension of this historic lineage, has emerged as an enduring symbol of leadership and cultural preservation in the region, upholding and promoting traditional values, customs, and a unified identity among its people;

**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section 4 of the Bangsamoro Organic Law declares that “the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Bangsamoro people are hereby recognized, protected, and guaranteed”;

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, Section 24 of the same law mandates that Bangsamoro Government shall preserve the history, culture, arts, traditions, and rich cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro people and their sultanates;

**WHEREAS**, the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 (Republic Act No. 10066) further empowers local governments and traditional leaders by emphasizing the importance of preserving cultural heritage, heritage sites, and cultural traditions which define people’s identity and history;

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Provincial Government of Tawi-Tawi to preserve, protect, and promote its diverse cultural heritage, support peacebuilding and humanitarian efforts, and encourage development that honors the historical and cultural significance of its communities;

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**WHEREAS**, in line with its policy, the Provincial Government of Tawi-Tawi shall provide necessary support to bolster the Sultanate of Dungun and its institution to preserve their historical and cultural identity;

**WHEREAS**, the Sultanate of Dungun not only serves as a custodian of culture but also plays a vital role in promoting economic and social development by encouraging cooperation among community leaders, thereby enhancing the stability and growth of the institution and the surrounding areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Tawi-Tawi shall:

1. Express its full support for and recognition of the Sultanate of Dungun as a leading and unifying institution for the cultural communities in Tawi-Tawi;
2. Urge the Office of the Provincial Governor and its relevant agencies to provide logistical support to the Sultanate of Dungun, focusing on preserving its historical significance, rich cultural heritage, and influence to the province; and
3. Call on relevant government branches and agencies to enhance their efforts in providing services that ensure the long-term economic, social, and cultural well-being of this community.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Honorable Governor of Tawi - Tawi, the Honorable Mayor of Panglima Sugala, and the recognized representatives of the Sultanate of Dungun, as well as to relevant regional and national agencies including the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH-BARMM), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) to ensure broad support and partnership in advancing the goals outlined herein.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 (3 Jumada I 1446 AH), Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

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