

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 05

### SERIES OF 2015

#### **ADOPTING CONSENSUS ON THE MOON SIGHTING TO DETERMINE THE START OF FASTING IN RAMADAN, THE TIME STANDARD AND THE POLICY OF ITS DECLARATION ALL OVER THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, Islam is a religion with true divine guidance and complete code of life which are enshrined mainly in the glorious Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad ( s.a.w.).

WHEREAS, Islam teaches the Muslims to promote and maintain peace, unity and solidarity through adherence all together to the Rope of Allah and the Straight Path of the Holy Prophet`

WHEREAS, the Muslim Ummah is constituted as a single whole body with various components interrelated and supporting to each other so as to gain strength and progress.

WHEREAS, the public general welfare ( maslahah 'ammah ) is the well-accepted Islamic principle that always prevails over private or personal interest. This is the guiding rule and unifying factor that puts away conflicts and differences of Muslims towards attaining the Islamic culture of peace, harmony and solidarity amidst diversity.

WHEREAS, public consultation among Muslims in matters affecting their practical lives is divinely mandated with a view to express constructive ideas, to manifest positive concerns and to ultimately attain mutual understanding. Consultation is the foundation of consensus that strongly binds the Muslim Ummah into a moderate, well - balanced and just society.

WHEREAS, the issue on moon sighting and commencing the fasting in the month of Ramadan has factionalized the Islamic denomination and fragmented the Muslim Ummah due to the absence of consultation, consensus and adherence to general public good and equity`

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing premises the ARMM Regional Darul 'Ifa' has taken initiative and grab opportunity to convene all Muftis and selected senior Ulama for consultation so as to forge consensus on the issue of moon sighting for determining the month of Ramadan and to form linkages and collaboration among all branches of Darul Ifa' and major Muslim Organizations in the country.

WHEREAS, the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Assembly of Muftis and Ulama is conducted on June 7, 2015 at Sequoia Inn, Davao City by the Regional Darul Ifa' in coordination with the

Bureau of Madaris Education, DepEd - ARMM and National Commission on Muslim Filipinos with a purpose of having consultation and consensus on the definite date of moon sighting for the Ramadan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the plenary session, we the concerned Muftis and Ulama`in the Philippines, do hereby RESOLVE BY CONSENSUS as it is hereby resolved to approve and adopt this Resolution as follows:

1. Specific date of moon sighting for the month of Ramadan will be on June 16, 2015.
2. Taqwim Ummul Qura is adopted as primary reference
3. Policy of declaration on the start and end of Ramadan is made by and between the RDI-ARMM and NCMF.
4. Every Provincial Mufti shall form a three-member committee to monitor moon sighting.
5. Chairman of the RDI- ARMM to formulate Shurut (requirements) for the credibility of members of the above -mentioned committee.
6. Member/s of said committee who will witness the appearance of new moon shall inform the concerned Provincial Mufti who thereafter shall network the information to other Muftis.
7. The Chairman of RDI- ARMM will prepare formal letter of information on the start of Ramadan.
8. This said letter of information will be sent and disseminated through radio and tv broadcasting and other social media.
9. The selection of focal persons will be the responsibility of ‘Alim Nhorul-am Abdullah, ‘Alim Sharif Jul Asiri Abirin, NCMF Commissioner ‘Alim Ismail W. Ibrahim and ‘Alim Jamal S. Munib, Vice President Ulama Council of Zamboanga Peninsula.
10. Mutual coordination and collaboration among RDI-ARMM, NCMF, Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta’, UCZP, LGUs and similar influential organizations in the declaration on the start of fasting and end of the month of Ramadan.

DONE this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 at Davao City, Philippines.