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Assalamu alaykum wa rahmahtullahi wa barakatuhu.

Alhamdulillah, the holy month of Ramadhan is upon us once again. As one of the five pillars of Islam, fasting or *sawm* has to be observed during the days of this blessed month. Being Muslims, we are also blessed to have another opportunity for inner reflection and self-discipline, a time to sacrifice and devote ourselves to the worship of Allah (SWT).

I know that this year's Ramadhan will be observed differently because of the COVID-19 pandemic that has already changed our everyday lives. We now wake up to a reality where taking care of each other means maintaining distance from one another. To my fellow Bangsamoro, know that we are doing our best to ease your pain and suffering in these difficult times.

The Bangsamoro Government, through its Inter Agency Task Force on COVID 19, has been implementing policies and programs to address the threat of the virus. Consistent with our call for Moral Governance, we have been supporting our health workers and other frontline personnel through immediate augmentation of medical supplies and equipment. We have also been providing massive relief operations and other forms of assistance to the mostly affected families and sectors. We have extended fund support to our local government units – provinces, cities and municipalities – to enhance their capacities to respond to the pandemic. A contingency plan has also been laid out to prepare us for any worst-case scenario.

Despite the challenging test that we are all facing, I have faith that this holy month will unite us all towards achieving our common goal. Let us be reminded that the hardship we are experiencing should bring out the best in us in the many ways we are responding to this great trial. Through our collective struggle, we hope to find the strength to develop our renewed purpose in this spiritual journey, *Insha ALLAH*.

May we all have a meaningful observance of Ramadhan, and may Allah (SWT) keep ourselves, our families and communities safe from the threats of the pandemic.


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