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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Date : September 5, 2018

Please be informed that the initial public hearing of the Committees on Tourism and on Finance on the twenty-two (22) House bills which seek to declare tourist destinations and tourism development areas in the country will commence on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at the Senator Ambrosio B. Padilla Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines, GSIS Building, J.W. Diokno Boulevard, Pasay City.**

For this public hearing, the discussion will focus on the following House bills which seek to declare three areas in Nueva Ecija tourist destinations:

1. **HBN 6758** – An Act declaring Mount Bulaylay in the Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Suansing and Nograles);*
2. **HBN 6759** - An Act declaring the Diocesan Shrine of Saint John The Baptist Church, also known as the *Taong Putik Dambana ni San Juan Bautista* in Barangay Bibiclat, Aliaga Province of Nueva Ecija a pilgrimage site and tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced By Reps. Suansing and Nograles);* and
3. **HBN 7291** – An Act declaring Immaculate Concepcion Parish Church, Sanctuary of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija a pilgrimage site and tourist

destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Suansing and Nograles).*

The Committees will also hear the general views and recommendations on the following House bills:

1. **HBN 5793** – An Act declaring Kapangyan Falls in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan a tourist destination, providing for its development, and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Representative Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg);*
2. **HBN 5794** – An Act declaring Gangub Cave in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Representative Frederick “Erick” Abueg);*
3. **HBN 5806** – An Act declaring the stretch of beaches that line the Albay west coast in the Third District of the Province of Albay as tourist spots and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Representatives Gonzalez, F. and Manalo);*
4. **HBN 6584** – An Act declaring the Municipality of Barlig in Mountain Province a Tourism Development Area and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Dalog, Nograles (K.A.) and Mangaoang);*
5. **HBN 6682** – An Act declaring the Limahong Channel located in the Municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan a tourist spot and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Bataoil, De Venecia and Nograles);*
6. **HBN 6683**– An Act declaring the La Union a tourist area destination and “Surfing Capital of the North”, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Ortega, Nograles Dimaporo and Violago);*
7. **HBN 6795** - An Act declaring the *Punta Diwata* located in Barangay Vinapor, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Agusan Del Norte a priority tourism site and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Amante and Nograles);*
8. **HBN 6796** - An Act declaring the Mapaso Hot and Cold Springs located in Barangay La Paz, Municipality of Santiago, Province of Agusan Del Norte a priority tourism site and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Amante and Nograles);*
9. **HBN 6797** - An Act declaring the Lantawan Ecopark located in Barangay San Roque and Barangay Crossing, Municipality of Kitcharao, Province of Agusan Del Norte a priority tourism site and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Amante and Nograles);*
10. **HBN 6798** - An Act declaring the Candon City Ecotourism Zone located in Barangay Palacapac, Barangay San Andres, Barangay Cubcubbuot and Barangay Amguid in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Singson and Nograles);*
11. **HBN 6799** - An Act declaring Santiago Cove in the Municipality of Santiago, Province of Ilocos Sur a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Singson and Nograles);*
12. **HBN 6800** - An Act declaring Pinsal Falls in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Singson and Nograles);*

13. **HBN 6801** - An Act declaring the Tagnote Falls - Mt. Hilong-Hilong Park located in the Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Province of Agusan Del Norte a priority tourism site and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Amante and Nograles);*
14. **HBN 6927** - An Act declaring the Province of Misamis Oriental a tourism development area and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Uy and Nograles);*
15. **HBN 6928** - An Act declaring Mainit Falls and Hot Springs in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan a tourist destination, providing for its development and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Abueg and Nograles);*
16. **HBN 6929** - An Act declaring the Province of Lanao Del Norte a tourism development area (TDA), creating the Lanao Del Norte Provincial Tourism Council and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Dimaporo, Dimaporo and Nograles);*
17. **HBN 6930** - An Act declaring the Bakhawan Eco-Park in Barangay New Buswang, Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan an ecotourism zone and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Marquez and Nograles);*
18. **HBN 6932** - An Act declaring the Province of Southern Leyte a tourism zone and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Mercado and Nograles);* and
19. **HBN 7292** - An Act declaring the Puraran Beach and its premises located in Barangay Puraran, Municipality of Baras, Province of Catanduanes a tourist spot and appropriating funds therefor. *(Introduced by Reps. Sarmiento, Nograles and Batocabe).*

Your presence in the meeting will be highly appreciated.

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