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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipal Government of Salvador Benedicto in the Province of Negros Occidental exists pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 336, dated February 9, 1983, "An Act Creating the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto In The Province of Negros Occidental". This town occupies portion of the Northern Negros Forest Reserve, where most of its facilities, including its municipal government buildings are situated.

The townsite reservation as requested by the aforesaid municipality covers an area of two hundred (200) hectares, more or less, per plan MR-06-00006, approved on August 1, 1995 by the Regional Technical Director for Land management Services, DENR, Regional Office VI. This approved plan covers a portion of North Negros Forest Reserved (NNFR) and a portion of alienable and disposable area under Project No. 7-F, L.C. Map No. 2073, as certified on February 13, 1957.

A townsite for a municipality, like the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, is indispensable for the implementation of its development programs and land use plan as a local government unit. However, the townsite was not specifically defined and accordingly alloted to Salvador Benedicto when Batas Pambansa Blg. 336 was enacted.

It is high time that the official delineation and segregation of such site be determined to enable the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto to move on without defying the existing laws and policies on land utilization.

For having complied with the requisites for the reservation of the aforesaid parcel of public domain into a townsite of the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, and finding all the documents in order, it is but proper and fitting that the sgregation of the subject identified parcel of land, covering two hundred (200) hectares be given due course through the early passage of this bill.

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AN ACT

DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWN SITE PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall he known and cited as the "Salvador Benedicto
Municipal Town Site Act of 2010".

4 **SEC. 2.** A parcel of land of the public domain located at Barangay Poblacion, 5 Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental is hereby declared 6 an agricultural land for town site purpose of said municipality. The said parcel of land, 7 containing an area of two hundred (200) hectares, subject to actual ground survey and 8 private rights, if there be any, is more particularly, described as follows:

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A parcel of land (Plan of Land MR-06-000006) situated in Barangay Poblacion,
Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental, Island of Negros.

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Bounded on the SE, along line 1-2 by Lot 1; along line 2-3 by Lot 2; along line 3-4 by Lot 3; along line 4-5 by Lot 4; along line 5-6 by Lot 5; along line 6-7 by Lot 24; along line 7-8 by Lot 26; on the S, along line 8-9 by Lot 27; on the SW, along line 9-10 by Lot 3225; along lines 10-11-12 by Lot 3296, all of PIs-675, San Carlos; on the NW and NE, along lines 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-1 by Northern Negros Forest Reserve.

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Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being, N. 64-09 W., 23,130.46 meters from BLLM #I, PIs-675,San Carlos, thence:

- 21 S. 33-21 W., 275.20 m. to pt. 2:
- 22 S. 35-03 W., 213.79 m. to pt. 3:

1	S. 34-55 W., 059.58 m. to pt. 4:
2	S. 60-37 W., 126.69 m. to pt. 5:
3	S. 26-41 W., 221.82 m. to pt. 6:
4	S. 56-49 W., 230.69 m _r to pt. 7:
5	S. 38-24 W., 215.14 m. to pt. 8:
6	S. 84-55 W., 255.83 m. to pt. 9:
7	N. 28-18 W., 790.00 m. to pt. 10:
8	N. 28-18 W., 290.00 m. to pt 11:
9	N. 28-18 W., 260.00 m, to pt 12:
10	N. 17-13 E., 250.00 m. to pt. 13:
11	N. 17-13 E., 192.41 m. to pt. 14:
12	N. 82-41 E., 400.00 m. to pt. 15:
13	N. 82-41 E., 400.00 m. to pt. 16:
14	N. 82-41E., 400.00 m. to pt. 17:
15	N. 82-41 E., 248.80 m. to pt. 18:
16	S. 10-22 W., 120.00 m. to pt. 19:
17	S. 10-22 W., 300.00 m. to pt. 20:
18	S. 35-20 E., 419.59 m. to pt. 1

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20 Containing an area of two million (2,000,000) square meters, more or less, all 21 corners referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follow: 22 Points 10-11-13 to 19 P.S. cyl. conc. mons., 15x40 cm., and the rest by old points, 23 bearing true, surveyed by Engr. Ponciano S. Bautista, on June 24, 1993 to July 24, 24 1993 and approved on August 1, 1995 by the Department of Environment and Natural 25 Resources (DENR), Regional Office VI.

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27 **SEC. 3**. The Secretary of the DENR shall include in the Department's program 28 the establishment of the town site and shall issue such rules and regulations as may be 29 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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31 SEC. 4. Use and Ownership – The agricultural land shall be owned by the 32 municipality of Don Salvador Benedicto. Fifty (50) hectares of the agricultural land shall 33 be used exclusively by the municipality as a government center while the remainder 34 shall be used as a forest park for eco-tourism purposes only. No transfer of ownership 35 of the agricultural land shall be allowed except to the Republic of the Philippines.

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SEC. 5. If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid,
other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
effect.

5 **SEC. 6**. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and regulations or parts 6 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or 7 modified accordingly.

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- 9 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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