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MUNICIPALITY OF SAWATA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "*the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.*"

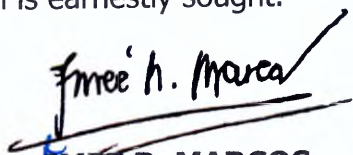
Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled. To serve the aforementioned purposes in establishing a barangay, the population of the barangays must be maintained in such a manner that the constituents will be represented accordingly.

Barangay Libuton is situated in the fifth-class Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte. According to the 2020 Census, Barangay Libuton has a population of 971 residents – representing 3.57% of the total population of San Isidro. Its population fell from 1,212 in 1995 to 971 in 2020, a decrease of 241 people over the course of 25 years. The latest census figures in 2020 denote a positive growth rate of 0.17%, or an increase of 8 people, from the previous population of 963 in 2015. For decades, the Barangay Libuton has been precluded from receiving the National Tax Allotment (NTA) since it is merely created by the provincial government, not by law.

Hence, this bill seeks to establish Barangay Libuton in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte, as a government unit by virtue of a law, pursuant to Section 385 of the Local Government Code of 1991, and aims to entitle the same to

NTA shares allocated to barangays and thereby ensure its economic and financial viability.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Creation of Barangay Libuton.* – There is hereby created a
2 barangay to be known as Barangay Libuton in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province
3 of Davao del Norte.
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5 **SEC. 2.** *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and
6 supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Provincial
7 Ordinance No. 4, which was enacted and approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
8 of Davao on 28 August 1991 that ratified the creation of Barangay Libuton as proclaimed
9 by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers on 30 August 1992 shall serve as a substantial
10 compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160
11 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.
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13 **SEC. 3.** *Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent elected barangay officials of
14 Barangay Libuton in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte shall
15 continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected.
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17 **SEC. 4.** *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructure
18 and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are
19 hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new
20 barangay.
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22 **SEC. 5.** *Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA).* – Barangay Libuton shall therefor be
23 entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) or National Tax Allotment (NTA) shares

1 pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as
2 the "Local Government Code of 1991".
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SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,