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AN ACT
DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARIA AURORA AND SAN LUIS IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE AURORA MEMORIAL PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is a declared policy that the State "shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."¹ In line with safeguarding a healthful ecology, the Constitution likewise provides that Congress shall determine the national parks, which shall be conserved and may not be increased nor diminished, except by law.²

Pursuant to the said constitutional provisions, the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) was established by virtue of Republic Act (RA) No. 7586, as amended by RA No. 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018". Cognizant of the exacting impact of diverse human activities on all components of the

¹ Article II, Section 16, 1987 Philippine Constitution

² Article XII, Sec. 3, 1987 Philippine Constitution

natural environment, the NIPAS Act declared it the policy of the State “to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the establishment of a comprehensive system of integrated protected areas within the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution.” The system shall encompass ecologically rich, unique and biologically important areas that are habitats of threatened species of plants and animals, biogeographic zones and related ecosystems, whether terrestrial, wetland or marine, all of which shall be designated as 'protected areas'.³

To date, as of May 2023, there are already 114 protected areas in the Philippines that have been so declared through legislation. And yet, based on the records and various suitability assessments by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), there are still numerous sites in the country that have to be given 'protected area' status, by legislative action, in order to ensure its conservation.

One of these sites is the Aurora Memorial National Park (AMNP). It is a significant site of biodiversity and history, which straddles the Municipalities of Maria Aurora and San Luis in the Province of Aurora, and extends to the Municipality of Bongabon in the Province of Nueva Ecija. This park forms part of the expansive Sierra Madre Mountain Corridor.

The Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) of AMNP revealed the region's remarkable biodiversity, endemism, and biological significance. This site is a sanctuary for the majestic Philippine Eagle, the rare Rafflesia, and a myriad of other key species of flora and fauna, all of which underscore the rich biodiversity of the area. The AMNP is also recognized as an Important Bird Area, a testament to its ecological significance. Additionally, the AMNP bears considerable historical importance. This park was declared by the late President Manuel Quezon, through Presidential

³ Section 2, RA No. 7586, as amended by RA 11038

Proclamation No. 130, in memory of the late Dona Aurora Angara Quezon who tragically met her end near the park's vicinity.

The unique and diverse topography of the park ranges from moderate to very steep slopes, nurturing a secondary growth forest characterized by dense vegetation and a variety of dipterocarp species. This includes pockets of untouched virgin forest and old-growth forest. Notably, the AMNP is also home to six striking waterfalls - Obot, Mansusuma, Ditaolag, Calaanan, Tres Marias, and Silangan - which present potential for ecotourism and recreational activities.

Given these attributes, it is crucial that we underscore the protection, preservation, and conservation of Aurora Memorial National Park as a national policy. This is in line with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (eNIPAS) Act of 2018, and international conventions that the Philippines has agreed to uphold.

With the filing of House Bill No. 2785 declaring the Aurora Memorial National Park as a protected landscape by Representative Rommel Rico Angara of the Lone District of Aurora Province in the House of Representatives, I see the wisdom of filing a counterpart in the Senate.

Hence, I appeal for the swift passage of this bill.


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

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1 Sec. 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Aurora Memorial Protected
2 Landscape Act of 2023".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Cognizant of the profound impact of human
4 activity on all components of the natural environment, it is hereby declared the policy
5 of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations, the
6 perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the declaration of
7 protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) within
8 the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution.

9 In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and fauna,

1 that are native and distinct to the Aurora Memorial National Park, as well as their
2 aesthetic and ecological importance, the area is hereby declared a protected area
3 under the category of protected landscape and shall hereinafter be referred to as the
4 Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape (AMPL). As such, the State shall ensure the
5 conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise
6 recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only through
7 cooperation among the National Government, local government units (LGUs),
8 concerned nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and local
9 communities. The use and enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the
10 principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

11 Towards this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act, the
12 mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established, and the
13 full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity and the
14 integrity of the ecosystems, and cultural and indigenous practices.

15 *Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act:*

- 16 a) *Buffer zones* refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
17 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special
18 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected
19 area;
- 20 b) *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable
21 utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of
22 habitats;
- 23 c) *Indigenous cultural communities/Indigenous peoples (ICCs/IPs)* refer to
24 groups of people sharing common bonds of language, customs,
25 traditions, and other distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since time
26 immemorial occupied, possessed and utilized a territory;

- 1 d) *National park* refers to land of the public domain classified as such in the
2 Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS, primarily
3 designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their
4 associated habitats and cultural diversity;
- 5 e) *Protected area* refers to an identified portion of land and water set aside
6 by reason of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to
7 enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human
8 exploitation;
- 9 f) *Protected landscape* refers to areas of national significance which is
10 characterized by the harmonious interaction of human and land and
11 water while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through
12 recreation, tourism, and other economic activities; and
- 13 g) *Tenured migrants* refer to protected area occupants who are presently
14 occupying, and have been actually and continuously occupying, a portion
15 of the protected area for five (5) years before the same was established
16 by proclamation or law as a protected area, and are solely dependent
17 therein for subsistence.

18 **Sec. 4. *Classification as a National Park.*** – The AMPL is comprised of a parcel
19 of land of the public domain located in the Municipalities of Maria Aurora, San Luis,
20 Baler and Dingalan in the Province of Aurora, and the Municipality of Bongabon, in the
21 Province of Nueva Ecija. All lands of the public domain within the coverage and scope
22 of the AMPL shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article
23 XII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

24 **Sec. 5. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The boundaries of the Aurora Memorial
25 Protected Landscape are more particularly described as follows:

26 The boundary of the AMPL is more particularly described as the area beginning
27 at a point marked "1" on the Map, being *N 49°29'49" W, 1,339.28* meters from PRS'92

- 1 Control Monument "ARA-10" with a geographic coordinated of $15^{\circ} 45' 1.096''$ latitude
- 2 and $121^{\circ} 37' 50.342''$ longitude *located at* Brgy. Sabali, Municipality of Baler, Aurora.

thence	S $48^{\circ} 11' 39''$ E	338.00	meters to corner 2;
thence	S $21^{\circ} 12' 55''$ E	122.90	meters to corner 3;
thence	S $21^{\circ} 48' 11''$ W	507.16	meters to corner 4;
thence	S $72^{\circ} 47' 59''$ E	435.85	meters to corner 5;
thence	N $20^{\circ} 52' 35''$ E	625.98	meters to corner 6;
thence	N $41^{\circ} 29' 56''$ E	111.36	meters to corner 7;
thence	S $81^{\circ} 07' 04''$ E	78.47	meters to corner 8;
thence	N $63^{\circ} 26' 11''$ E	48.76	meters to corner 9;
thence	S $10^{\circ} 37' 04''$ E	39.44	meters to corner 10;
thence	S $55^{\circ} 09' 09''$ E	233.20	meters to corner 11;
thence	S $08^{\circ} 58' 15''$ E	46.60	meters to corner 12;
thence	S $51^{\circ} 54' 35''$ E	113.89	meters to corner 13;
thence	N $81^{\circ} 34' 28''$ E	66.13	meters to corner 14;
thence	S $22^{\circ} 06' 40''$ W	83.68	meters to corner 15;
thence	S $17^{\circ} 35' 27''$ E	104.20	meters to corner 16;
thence	S $71^{\circ} 33' 48''$ E	76.61	meters to corner 17;
thence	N $67^{\circ} 04' 10''$ E	68.39	meters to corner 18;
thence	S $50^{\circ} 26' 19''$ E	72.27	meters to corner 19;
thence	N $53^{\circ} 50' 37''$ E	78.02	meters to corner 20;
thence	S $77^{\circ} 54' 13''$ E	34.69	meters to corner 21;
thence	S $45^{\circ} 00' 06''$ W	123.34	meters to corner 22;
thence	S $36^{\circ} 15' 08''$ E	45.06	meters to corner 23;
thence	N $70^{\circ} 06' 59''$ E	121.08	meters to corner 24;
thence	S $34^{\circ} 29' 43''$ W	479.12	meters to corner 25;

thence	N 64° 51' 13" W	131.14	meters to corner 26;
thence	S 62° 52' 49" W	111.60	meters to corner 27;
thence	S 20° 46' 26" W	150.28	meters to corner 28;
thence	S 01° 54' 39" W	145.44	meters to corner 29;
thence	S 24° 46' 37" W	138.75	meters to corner 30;
thence	S 04° 45' 55" W	175.03	meters to corner 31;
thence	S 64° 47' 50" E	91.04	meters to corner 32;
thence	S 86° 03' 11" E	70.42	meters to corner 33;
thence	S 12° 15' 47" E	57.02	meters to corner 34;
thence	S 39° 02' 14" W	115.40	meters to corner 35;
thence	S 52° 51' 00" E	68.02	meters to corner 36;
thence	S 66° 18' 59" W	360.61	meters to corner 37;
thence	S 51° 31' 17" W	203.87	meters to corner 38;
thence	S 71° 42' 20" E	260.75	meters to corner 39;
thence	N 88° 50' 26" E	302.88	meters to corner 40;
thence	S 30° 46' 57" E	335.81	meters to corner 41;
thence	N 87° 46' 14" E	157.67	meters to corner 42;
thence	N 10° 53' 14" E	379.20	meters to corner 43;
thence	N 09° 27' 38" W	398.26	meters to corner 44;
thence	N 38° 33' 09" E	120.96	meters to corner 45;
thence	N 24° 26' 44" E	117.09	meters to corner 46;
thence	N 89° 05' 32" E	152.65	meters to corner 47;
thence	N 45° 51' 01" E	53.95	meters to corner 48;
thence	S 18° 44' 34" W	40.88	meters to corner 49;
thence	S 52° 25' 58" W	22.68	meters to corner 50;
thence	S 78° 11' 57" W	47.32	meters to corner 51;
thence	S 65° 28' 15" W	113.22	meters to corner 52;

thence	S 17° 04' 09" W	82.44	meters to corner	53;
thence	S 60° 38' 38" W	63.45	meters to corner	54;
thence	S 32° 56' 13" E	58.48	meters to corner	55;
thence	S 07° 51' 06" E	80.95	meters to corner	56;
thence	S 43° 49' 01" E	94.85	meters to corner	57;
thence	S 67° 08' 36" E	181.54	meters to corner	58;
thence	S 19° 14' 51" E	46.13	meters to corner	59;
thence	S 33° 01' 32" W	65.96	meters to corner	60;
thence	S 21° 19' 06" E	96.20	meters to corner	61;
thence	S 04° 26' 44" E	57.11	meters to corner	62;
thence	S 28° 23' 41" W	145.38	meters to corner	63;
thence	S 03° 19' 56" E	142.65	meters to corner	64;
thence	S 29° 06' 32" E	192.26	meters to corner	65;
thence	S 19° 42' 35" W	150.64	meters to corner	66;
thence	S 05° 02' 27" E	144.49	meters to corner	67;
thence	S 06° 48' 39" W	142.83	meters to corner	68;
thence	S 22° 54' 15" E	163.15	meters to corner	69;
thence	S 05° 51' 28" W	165.97	meters to corner	70;
thence	S 23° 24' 38" E	223.74	meters to corner	71;
thence	S 10° 31' 58" W	335.86	meters to corner	72;
thence	S 52° 11' 42" W	155.39	meters to corner	73;
thence	S 13° 31' 47" W	289.55	meters to corner	74;
thence	S 25° 41' 43" W	248.98	meters to corner	75;
thence	S 01° 13' 02" E	99.51	meters to corner	76;
thence	S 81° 23' 10" W	141.30	meters to corner	77;
thence	S 29° 55' 47" E	161.20	meters to corner	78;
thence	S 07° 07' 36" W	153.59	meters to corner	79;

thence	S 20° 41' 37" E	101.82	meters to corner	80;
thence	S 32° 28' 23" W	82.79	meters to corner	81;
thence	S 10° 42' 41" E	159.41	meters to corner	82;
thence	S 58° 45' 33" E	151.01	meters to corner	83;
thence	S 02° 56' 57" E	205.59	meters to corner	84;
thence	S 30° 57' 55" W	209.82	meters to corner	85;
thence	N 36° 52' 07" W	46.03	meters to corner	86;
thence	N 09° 05' 38" W	343.61	meters to corner	87;
thence	N 13° 57' 03" W	332.00	meters to corner	88;
thence	N 28° 02' 35" W	285.01	meters to corner	89;
thence	N 31° 57' 03" W	1,105.40	meters to corner	90;
thence	N 81° 09' 00" W	410.14	meters to corner	91;
thence	N 11° 12' 33" E	291.11	meters to corner	92;
thence	N 09° 47' 08" W	244.33	meters to corner	93;
thence	N 16° 46' 42" W	480.99	meters to corner	94;
thence	N 17° 23' 48" E	134.96	meters to corner	95;
thence	N 81° 39' 54" W	680.65	meters to corner	96;
thence	S 70° 42' 14" W	514.09	meters to corner	97;
thence	S 79° 05' 27" W	496.76	meters to corner	98;
thence	S 54° 24' 30" W	466.06	meters to corner	99;
thence	S 37° 56' 51" W	3,322.74	meters to corner	100;
thence	N 71° 20' 33" W	118.79	meters to corner	101;
thence	N 73° 59' 07" W	200.81	meters to corner	102;
thence	S 75° 26' 00" W	357.73	meters to corner	103;
thence	S 38° 30' 31" W	384.20	meters to corner	104;
thence	S 14° 12' 13" E	281.83	meters to corner	105;
thence	S 14° 31' 15" W	168.00	meters to corner	106;

thence	S 38° 06' 58" W	167.07	meters to corner	107;
thence	S 17° 47' 27" W	210.08	meters to corner	108;
thence	S 56° 06' 03" W	217.09	meters to corner	109;
thence	S 35° 16' 57" E	159.27	meters to corner	110;
thence	S 81° 19' 54" W	254.34	meters to corner	111;
thence	S 41° 25' 02" W	307.96	meters to corner	112;
thence	N 79° 57' 33" W	237.18	meters to corner	113;
thence	S 23° 01' 19" W	118.59	meters to corner	114;
thence	N 77° 53' 56" W	248.74	meters to corner	115;
thence	N 77° 53' 56" W	93.95	meters to corner	116;
thence	S 48° 28' 52" W	217.25	meters to corner	117;
thence	S 07° 33' 25" E	174.09	meters to corner	118;
thence	S 42° 16' 50" W	213.61	meters to corner	119;
thence	S 56° 47' 54" W	180.99	meters to corner	120;
thence	S 73° 17' 39" E	191.07	meters to corner	121;
thence	S 11° 33' 17" E	156.22	meters to corner	122;
thence	S 69° 38' 19" E	117.75	meters to corner	123;
thence	S 39° 34' 45" E	308.89	meters to corner	124;
thence	S 03° 27' 24" W	144.55	meters to corner	125;
thence	S 23° 59' 05" E	300.18	meters to corner	126;
thence	S 30° 41' 31" W	281.81	meters to corner	127;
thence	S 27° 39' 07" E	185.37	meters to corner	128;
thence	S 20° 13' 23" W	94.24	meters to corner	129;
thence	S 76° 16' 31" E	736.62	meters to corner	130;
thence	S 15° 06' 02" W	1,239.81	meters to corner	131;
thence	S 66° 50' 07" W	543.39	meters to corner	132;
thence	S 16° 03' 40" W	790.78	meters to corner	133;

thence	S 03° 23' 38" W	1,295.25	meters to corner	134;
thence	S 31° 23' 38" W	350.80	meters to corner	135;
thence	N 84° 43' 50" W	783.57	meters to corner	136;
thence	S 62° 56' 39" W	597.30	meters to corner	137;
thence	S 80° 23' 23" W	481.28	meters to corner	138;
thence	N 10° 37' 05" W	373.77	meters to corner	139;
thence	N 67° 52' 47" E	1,016.19	meters to corner	140;
thence	N 30° 01' 54" W	565.79	meters to corner	141;
thence	N 89° 59' 54" W	367.37	meters to corner	142;
thence	N 57° 18' 23" W	579.43	meters to corner	143;
thence	N 19° 29' 00" W	1,486.93	meters to corner	144;
thence	S 32° 27' 07" W	908.36	meters to corner	145;
thence	S 27° 19' 41" W	898.83	meters to corner	146;
thence	S 87° 23' 08" W	453.67	meters to corner	147;
thence	N 50° 29' 42" W	634.01	meters to corner	148;
thence	S 41° 56' 17" W	997.85	meters to corner	149;
thence	S 45° 50' 14" W	747.51	meters to corner	150;
thence	S 72° 24' 10" W	787.26	meters to corner	151;
thence	N 85° 55' 41" W	549.27	meters to corner	152;
thence	S 22° 57' 05" W	410.44	meters to corner	153;
thence	S 84° 17' 09" W	905.81	meters to corner	154;
thence	N 58° 19' 22" W	444.56	meters to corner	155;
thence	N 85° 10' 05" W	573.57	meters to corner	156;
thence	S 57° 58' 35" W	423.37	meters to corner	157;
thence	N 52° 59' 54" W	950.01	meters to corner	158;
thence	S 60° 35' 06" W	1,165.84	meters to corner	159;
thence	S 21° 10' 29" W	874.61	meters to corner	160;

thence	S 01° 33' 08" W	1,013.54	meters to corner	161;
thence	S 23° 54' 26" E	505.74	meters to corner	162;
thence	S 45° 56' 52" E	335.61	meters to corner	163;
thence	S 07° 54' 14" E	318.97	meters to corner	164;
thence	S 68° 42' 29" W	945.39	meters to corner	165;
thence	S 39° 53' 04" W	1,842.00	meters to corner	166;
thence	N 89° 50' 38" W	2,704.24	meters to corner	167;
thence	S 51° 56' 14" E	567.16	meters to corner	168;
thence	S 22° 40' 02" E	1,451.16	meters to corner	169;
thence	S 64° 32' 06" E	875.58	meters to corner	170;
thence	S 00° 21' 00" W	884.65	meters to corner	171;
thence	S 39° 14' 21" W	416.59	meters to corner	172;
thence	S 19° 56' 50" E	772.34	meters to corner	173;
thence	S 34° 10' 08" W	1,790.63	meters to corner	174;
thence	S 10° 43' 41" W	1,242.46	meters to corner	175;
thence	S 34° 00' 57" W	2,530.25	meters to corner	176;
thence	S 01° 02' 46" W	2,345.10	meters to corner	177;
thence	S 35° 48' 18" W	1,110.93	meters to corner	178;
thence	S 08° 27' 04" W	1,648.55	meters to corner	179;
thence	S 67° 30' 55" W	780.11	meters to corner	180;
thence	S 07° 49' 15" W	1,693.66	meters to corner	181;
thence	S 23° 34' 34" E	1,875.88	meters to corner	182;
thence	S 46° 26' 45" E	3,246.25	meters to corner	183;
thence	S 54° 02' 45" E	567.75	meters to corner	184;
thence	S 20° 25' 14" E	592.62	meters to corner	185;
thence	S 14° 15' 47" W	911.36	meters to corner	186;
thence	N 54° 55' 35" W	3,262.08	meters to corner	187;

thence	S 38° 59' 30" W	847.19	meters to corner	188;
thence	N 54° 47' 19" W	362.70	meters to corner	189;
thence	N 11° 42' 21" W	641.30	meters to corner	190;
thence	S 63° 54' 01" W	794.32	meters to corner	191;
thence	N 09° 51' 19" E	267.57	meters to corner	192;
thence	N 61° 13' 47" W	359.17	meters to corner	193;
thence	S 87° 05' 33" W	373.84	meters to corner	194;
thence	N 27° 14' 05" W	995.48	meters to corner	195;
thence	N 32° 51' 12" W	944.29	meters to corner	196;
thence	N 19° 51' 12" W	359.24	meters to corner	197;
thence	N 43° 20' 50" W	453.12	meters to corner	198;
thence	N 22° 24' 11" E	1,624.22	meters to corner	199;
thence	N 21° 28' 47" E	3,480.44	meters to corner	200;
thence	N 21° 28' 47" E	26.52	meters to corner	201;
thence	N 24° 41' 09" W	12,487.70	meters to corner	202;
thence	N 17° 43' 11" W	6,645.18	meters to corner	203;
thence	N 16° 40' 16" W	4,037.19	meters to corner	204;
thence	S 76° 31' 56" W	236.99	meters to corner	205;
thence	S 34° 27' 47" W	226.05	meters to corner	206;
thence	S 20° 34' 37" W	540.44	meters to corner	207;
thence	S 71° 39' 36" W	360.63	meters to corner	208;
thence	S 58° 39' 36" W	495.87	meters to corner	209;
thence	S 15° 20' 24" E	563.48	meters to corner	210;
thence	S 43° 20' 24" E	101.43	meters to corner	211;
thence	S 32° 39' 36" W	202.85	meters to corner	212;
thence	S 06° 08' 24" E	394.31	meters to corner	213;
thence	S 76° 39' 36" W	281.74	meters to corner	214;

thence	S 31° 16' 30" W	438.92	meters to corner	215;
thence	S 53° 39' 36" W	214.12	meters to corner	216;
thence	S 02° 23' 20" E	461.77	meters to corner	217;
thence	S 13° 39' 36" W	90.16	meters to corner	218;
thence	N 87° 48' 02" W	304.69	meters to corner	219;
thence	S 17° 32' 40" W	904.09	meters to corner	220;
thence	S 03° 32' 40" W	378.46	meters to corner	221;
thence	S 15° 32' 40" W	378.46	meters to corner	222;
thence	S 46° 28' 25" W	467.24	meters to corner	223;
thence	S 15° 32' 40" W	283.84	meters to corner	224;
thence	N 43° 38' 33" W	95.18	meters to corner	225;
thence	N 01° 34' 04" W	296.35	meters to corner	226;
thence	N 15° 40' 09" W	507.73	meters to corner	227;
thence	N 21° 47' 59" W	210.58	meters to corner	228;
thence	N 87° 59' 54" W	210.00	meters to corner	229;
thence	S 29° 00' 06" W	280.00	meters to corner	230;
thence	N 84° 59' 54" W	260.00	meters to corner	231;
thence	N 12° 59' 54" W	130.00	meters to corner	232;
thence	S 71° 00' 06" W	300.00	meters to corner	233;
thence	N 22° 19' 23" W	133.14	meters to corner	234;
thence	N 89° 08' 34" W	342.16	meters to corner	235;
thence	N 32° 43' 11" W	324.23	meters to corner	236;
thence	N 12° 39' 26" E	238.58	meters to corner	237;
thence	S 86° 21' 09" W	243.13	meters to corner	238;
thence	S 77° 00' 06" W	375.95	meters to corner	239;
thence	N 71° 28' 10" W	280.93	meters to corner	240;
thence	N 52° 48' 09" W	535.32	meters to corner	241;

thence	S 56° 42' 01" W	142.92	meters to corner	242;
thence	N 71° 05' 25" W	525.97	meters to corner	243;
thence	S 78° 51' 23" W	287.98	meters to corner	244;
thence	S 39° 19' 34" W	490.53	meters to corner	245;
thence	N 68° 50' 26" W	562.72	meters to corner	246;
thence	S 87° 34' 02" W	1,021.37	meters to corner	247;
thence	N 17° 28' 36" E	201.00	meters to corner	248;
thence	N 60° 23' 01" E	227.17	meters to corner	249;
thence	N 33° 18' 44" E	226.60	meters to corner	250;
thence	N 01° 51' 21" W	101.10	meters to corner	251;
thence	N 33° 14' 28" W	35.54	meters to corner	252;
thence	N 43° 13' 14" E	23.21	meters to corner	253;
thence	S 74° 37' 02" E	36.68	meters to corner	254;
thence	N 46° 50' 18" E	48.59	meters to corner	255;
thence	N 03° 33' 36" E	171.59	meters to corner	256;
thence	N 14° 17' 04" E	96.40	meters to corner	257;
thence	N 31° 55' 01" E	104.81	meters to corner	258;
thence	N 29° 39' 14" E	259.41	meters to corner	259;
thence	N 05° 00' 49" E	126.04	meters to corner	260;
thence	N 20° 21' 30" E	147.59	meters to corner	261;
thence	N 30° 23' 57" E	103.77	meters to corner	262;
thence	N 53° 54' 31" E	150.89	meters to corner	263;
thence	N 34° 04' 13" E	507.74	meters to corner	264;
thence	S 75° 23' 54" E	173.84	meters to corner	265;
thence	N 40° 23' 37" E	194.86	meters to corner	266;
thence	N 83° 13' 10" E	415.60	meters to corner	267;
thence	N 72° 43' 57" E	203.56	meters to corner	268;

thence	S 41° 27' 51" E	365.38	meters to corner	269;
thence	N 31° 37' 19" E	302.22	meters to corner	270;
thence	N 48° 38' 41" E	437.80	meters to corner	271;
thence	N 84° 30' 34" E	362.68	meters to corner	272;
thence	N 56° 31' 16" E	365.51	meters to corner	273;
thence	S 33° 51' 08" E	117.40	meters to corner	274;
thence	S 03° 55' 22" E	383.05	meters to corner	275;
thence	S 31° 09' 38" E	316.06	meters to corner	276;
thence	S 39° 19' 15" E	281.20	meters to corner	277;
thence	N 60° 09' 21" E	162.75	meters to corner	278;
thence	N 13° 05' 04" E	152.26	meters to corner	279;
thence	N 50° 07' 03" E	205.40	meters to corner	280;
thence	S 75° 54' 12" E	180.45	meters to corner	281;
thence	N 56° 04' 31" E	188.27	meters to corner	282;
thence	S 78° 55' 29" E	306.24	meters to corner	283;
thence	N 53° 20' 44" E	248.08	meters to corner	284;
thence	N 70° 42' 26" E	515.11	meters to corner	285;
thence	S 63° 19' 10" E	94.16	meters to corner	286;
thence	N 72° 25' 27" E	166.43	meters to corner	287;
thence	N 30° 51' 53" E	566.15	meters to corner	288;
thence	N 15° 15' 24" E	237.47	meters to corner	289;
thence	N 45° 27' 46" E	209.10	meters to corner	290;
thence	N 23° 55' 42" E	160.69	meters to corner	291;
thence	N 35° 31' 14" E	190.92	meters to corner	292;
thence	N 52° 39' 43" E	282.34	meters to corner	293;
thence	N 31° 26' 47" E	612.16	meters to corner	294;
thence	N 50° 00' 06" E	270.00	meters to corner	295;

thence	S 83° 13' 56" E	244.36	meters to corner 296;
thence	S 46° 59' 54" E	204.57	meters to corner 297;
thence	N 61° 22' 17" E	473.56	meters to corner 298;
thence	S 73° 32' 17" E	212.35	meters to corner 299;
thence	S 39° 56' 05" E	129.78	meters to corner 300;
thence	S 87° 52' 38" E	125.05	meters to corner 301;
thence	S 64° 10' 53" E	136.38	meters to corner 302;
thence	N 69° 58' 06" E	446.70	meters to corner 303;
thence	N 49° 37' 45" E	528.41	meters to corner 304;
thence	N 64° 36' 50" E	153.32	meters to corner 305;
thence	N 80° 00' 51" E	178.28	meters to corner 306;
thence	N 51° 48' 11" E	226.12	meters to corner 307;
thence	N 03° 27' 42" E	126.82	meters to corner 308;
thence	N 25° 51' 47" E	241.28	meters to corner 309;
thence	N 73° 48' 45" E	142.54	meters to corner 310;
thence	N 51° 14' 43" E	131.28	meters to corner 311;
thence	N 89° 57' 41" E	550.43	meters to corner 312;
thence	N 25° 30' 43" W	210.58	meters to corner 313;
thence	N 39° 59' 14" E	174.74	meters to corner 314;
thence	N 06° 39' 20" E	260.90	meters to corner 315;
thence	N 10° 53' 13" E	228.71	meters to corner 316;
thence	N 49° 58' 21" E	141.02	meters to corner 317;
thence	N 08° 51' 28" W	471.99	meters to corner 318;
thence	N 30° 54' 43" W	202.06	meters to corner 319;
thence	N 45° 40' 54" W	286.96	meters to corner 320;
thence	N 01° 07' 07" W	89.00	meters to corner 321;
thence	N 39° 11' 13" W	110.69	meters to corner 322;

thence	N 07° 19' 41" W	122.82	meters to corner 323;
thence	N 17° 34' 34" E	315.42	meters to corner 324;
thence	N 08° 52' 02" E	177.08	meters to corner 325;
thence	N 00° 11' 42" W	303.04	meters to corner 326;
thence	S 65° 04' 20" E	144.51	meters to corner 327;
thence	S 49° 53' 31" E	282.08	meters to corner 328;
thence	S 76° 13' 03" E	123.51	meters to corner 329;
thence	S 25° 04' 38" E	253.61	meters to corner 330;
thence	S 41° 36' 47" E	247.42	meters to corner 331;
thence	S 87° 18' 50" E	276.72	meters to corner 332;
thence	S 13° 17' 16" W	319.52	meters to corner 333;
thence	S 31° 36' 22" E	263.71	meters to corner 334;
thence	S 85° 12' 03" E	903.68	meters to corner 335;
thence	N 23° 55' 41" E	123.78	meters to corner 336;
thence	N 69° 04' 12" E	132.80	meters to corner 337;
thence	N 30° 29' 38" E	225.55	meters to corner 338;
thence	N 08° 48' 26" E	119.62	meters to corner 339;
thence	N 46° 56' 56" E	86.57	meters to corner 340;
thence	N 06° 35' 23" E	43.58	meters to corner 341;
thence	N 45° 00' 07" E	27.07	meters to corner 342;
thence	S 57° 57' 37" E	54.44	meters to corner 343;
thence	N 85° 11' 33" E	231.88	meters to corner 344;
thence	S 82° 40' 45" E	161.11	meters to corner 345;
thence	S 17° 44' 35" E	218.49	meters to corner 346;
thence	S 71° 17' 57" E	57.12	meters to corner 347;
thence	N 36° 15' 20" E	92.90	meters to corner 348;
thence	S 54° 12' 43" E	60.37	meters to corner 349;

thence	N 85° 55' 33" E	881.16	meters to corner	350;
thence	N 75° 22' 52" E	307.98	meters to corner	351;
thence	N 69° 17' 51" E	586.38	meters to corner	352;
thence	N 80° 55' 27" E	369.59	meters to corner	353;
thence	N 87° 33' 52" E	203.17	meters to corner	354;
thence	S 56° 06' 41" E	348.59	meters to corner	355;
thence	S 87° 30' 34" E	497.15	meters to corner	356;
thence	S 77° 00' 12" E	720.29	meters to corner	357;
thence	N 86° 56' 04" E	242.22	meters to corner	358;
thence	N 51° 42' 33" E	104.55	meters to corner	359;
thence	S 49° 45' 40" E	220.65	meters to corner	360;
thence	S 73° 32' 55" E	236.43	meters to corner	361;
thence	S 63° 26' 03" E	502.20	meters to corner	362;
thence	S 74° 12' 59" E	206.45	meters to corner	363;
thence	N 34° 17' 23" E	345.01	meters to corner	364;
thence	S 81° 12' 07" E	367.11	meters to corner	365;
thence	N 62° 19' 34" E	348.71	meters to corner	366;
thence	N 83° 51' 21" E	282.36	meters to corner	367;
thence	S 28° 38' 22" E	237.00	meters to corner	368;
thence	S 13° 08' 11" E	247.20	meters to corner	369;
thence	S 02° 47' 37" E	202.39	meters to corner	370;
thence	S 01° 05' 00" W	467.15	meters to corner	371;
thence	S 37° 52' 58" E	384.53	meters to corner	372;
thence	S 46° 35' 37" E	585.98	meters to corner	373;
thence	S 04° 14' 49" W	262.99	meters to corner	374;
thence	S 61° 06' 54" W	653.13	meters to corner	375;
thence	S 49° 32' 45" E	840.39	meters to corner	376;

thence	S 39° 31' 51" E	490.46	meters to corner 377;
thence	S 59° 41' 26" W	496.36	meters to corner 378;
thence	N 46° 30' 43" W	193.91	meters to corner 379;
thence	N 19° 05' 20" E	40.45	meters to corner 380;
thence	N 08° 47' 40" W	42.82	meters to corner 381;
thence	N 31° 23' 34" W	251.79	meters to corner 382;
thence	S 39° 17' 19" W	95.97	meters to corner 383;
thence	N 25° 09' 14" W	213.03	meters to corner 384;
thence	N 60° 03' 58" W	199.49	meters to corner 385;
thence	S 12° 37' 16" W	629.46	meters to corner 386;
thence	S 56° 35' 26" W	147.48	meters to corner 387;
thence	S 22° 32' 31" W	150.31	meters to corner 388;
thence	S 42° 48' 49" E	242.81	meters to corner 389;
thence	S 18° 06' 53" W	294.89	meters to corner 390;
thence	S 51° 06' 48" E	208.63	meters to corner 391;
thence	N 50° 35' 08" E	247.52	meters to corner 392;
thence	S 55° 03' 13" E	265.23	meters to corner 393;
thence	N 64° 56' 36" E	222.65	meters to corner 394;
thence	S 12° 53' 25" W	745.68	meters to corner 395;
thence	S 84° 51' 29" E	153.61	meters to corner 396;
thence	N 59° 58' 06" E	124.21	meters to corner 397;
thence	N 88° 54' 38" E	176.46	meters to corner 398;
thence	N 69° 08' 50" E	566.39	meters to corner 399;
thence	S 75° 26' 30" E	314.22	meters to corner 400;
thence	N 63° 48' 06" E	117.98	meters to corner 401;
thence	N 84° 54' 10" E	548.26	meters to corner 402;
thence	N 41° 14' 11" E	633.46	meters to corner 403;

thence	N 43° 48' 10" E	2,169.69	meters to corner 404;
thence	S 20° 30' 52" W	260.84	meters to corner 405;
thence	S 05° 32' 35" W	321.60	meters to corner 406;
thence	S 36° 15' 08" E	88.87	meters to corner 407;
thence	S 13° 28' 06" W	89.34	meters to corner 408;
thence	S 81° 20' 44" E	103.58	meters to corner 409;
thence	N 69° 22' 54" E	274.96	meters to corner 410;
thence	N 17° 24' 33" E	376.39	meters to corner 411;
thence	N 06° 53' 01" E	409.12	meters to corner 412;
thence	N 00° 16' 54" E	246.78	meters to corner 413;
thence	N 79° 34' 30" E	507.80	meters to corner 414;
thence	S 67° 03' 22" E	79.06	meters to corner 415;
thence	N 54° 37' 56" E	171.08	meters to corner 416;
thence	N 00° 32' 38" W	103.44	meters to corner 417;
thence	S 84° 00' 07" E	178.64	meters to corner 418;
thence	N 32° 51' 00" E	145.82	meters to corner 419;
thence	S 84° 37' 26" E	628.50	meters to corner 420;
thence	S 12° 46' 38" E	335.59	meters to corner 421;
thence	S 43° 15' 45" E	210.04	meters to corner 422;
thence	S 09° 13' 20" E	266.62	meters to corner 423;
thence	S 64° 06' 05" E	172.53	meters to corner 424;
thence	S 12° 01' 44" E	140.29	meters to corner 425;
thence	S 77° 54' 17" E	96.62	meters to corner 426;
thence	S 14° 46' 52" E	167.50	meters to corner 427;
thence	N 64° 48' 01" E	253.57	meters to corner 428;
thence	S 59° 02' 04" E	78.69	meters to corner 429;
thence	N 03° 46' 14" W	205.13	meters to corner 430;

thence	S 83° 01' 02" E	111.04	meters to corner 431;
thence	S 39° 23' 56" E	81.51	meters to corner 432;
thence	S 64° 23' 46" E	239.44	meters to corner 433;
thence	S 37° 21' 54" E	233.49	meters to corner 434;
thence	S 21° 22' 08" E	111.11	meters to corner 435;
thence	S 06° 23' 32" W	424.39	meters to corner 436;
thence	S 26° 34' 00" W	140.84	meters to corner 437;
thence	S 25° 00' 55" E	148.93	meters to corner 438;
thence	S 16° 17' 49" E	200.37	meters to corner 439;
thence	S 12° 27' 26" E	198.11	meters to corner 440;
thence	S 74° 34' 34" E	135.33	meters to corner 441;
thence	S 89° 45' 42" E	272.17	meters to corner 442;
thence	N 75° 37' 13" E	452.81	meters to corner 443;
thence	N 25° 05' 07" E	350.18	meters to corner 444;
thence	N 54° 43' 27" E	259.00	meters to corner 445;
thence	N 27° 28' 22" W	253.52	meters to corner 446;
thence	N 31° 37' 52" E	263.81	meters to corner 447;
thence	N 04° 28' 08" E	173.88	meters to corner 448;
thence	N 43° 52' 31" E	249.37	meters to corner 449;
thence	N 14° 23' 43" E	88.03	meters to corner 450;
thence	N 79° 20' 42" E	202.98	meters to corner 451;
thence	S 59° 34' 28" E	226.99	meters to corner 452;
thence	S 15° 38' 26" E	112.83	meters to corner 453;
thence	S 15° 31' 32" W	81.19	meters to corner 454;
thence	S 09° 27' 11" E	513.88	meters to corner 455;
thence	S 00° 15' 11" E	213.89	meters to corner 456;
thence	S 27° 05' 38" E	505.07	meters to corner 457;

thence	N 77° 20' 30" E	427.23	meters to corner 458;
thence	N 62° 56' 28" E	274.93	meters to corner 459;
thence	N 53° 18' 39" E	267.13	meters to corner 460;
thence	N 82° 03' 34" E	692.20	meters to corner 461;
thence	N 51° 52' 46" E	419.34	meters to corner 462;
thence	N 36° 49' 48" W	171.01	meters to corner 463;
thence	N 19° 41' 24" E	100.08	meters to corner 464;
thence	N 66° 42' 56" E	172.15	meters to corner 465;
thence	N 34° 53' 33" E	185.46	meters to corner 466;
thence	N 85° 34' 08" E	258.98	meters to corner 467;
thence	N 53° 49' 19" E	166.14	meters to corner 468;
thence	N 05° 58' 44" W	211.32	meters to corner 469;
thence	N 14° 30' 07" E	119.91	meters to corner 470;
thence	N 49° 51' 36" E	284.09	meters to corner 471;
thence	N 09° 31' 14" W	314.58	meters to corner 472;
thence	N 74° 05' 43" E	214.82	meters to corner 473;
thence	S 38° 25' 13" E	215.05	meters to corner 474;
thence	S 69° 46' 45" E	108.26	meters to corner 475;
thence	S 88° 07' 50" E	111.81	meters to corner 476;
thence	S 76° 09' 56" E	248.94	meters to corner 477;
thence	S 84° 12' 05" E	240.52	meters to corner 478;
thence	N 34° 19' 29" W	99.37	meters to corner 479;
thence	N 23° 22' 45" E	88.26	meters to corner 480;
thence	N 77° 56' 26" E	278.91	meters to corner 481;
thence	N 41° 42' 19" E	111.58	meters to corner 482;
thence	N 83° 40' 14" E	142.36	meters to corner 483;
thence	N 72° 50' 46" E	209.38	meters to corner 484;

thence	S 71° 26' 42" E	193.58	meters to corner	485;
thence	N 70° 33' 31" E	233.53	meters to corner	486;
thence	S 46° 37' 04" E	91.09	meters to corner	487;
thence	S 82° 15' 08" E	338.45	meters to corner	488;
thence	N 86° 32' 02" E	156.85	meters to corner	489;
thence	S 63° 39' 34" E	318.81	meters to corner	490;
thence	S 88° 07' 12" E	103.62	meters to corner	491;
thence	N 65° 26' 47" E	192.99	meters to corner	492;
thence	N 17° 53' 51" E	165.87	meters to corner	493;
thence	N 42° 42' 15" W	250.99	meters to corner	494;
thence	N 82° 24' 56" W	101.34	meters to corner	495;
thence	N 37° 40' 25" W	134.45	meters to corner	496;
thence	N 18° 22' 05" E	447.13	meters to corner	497;
thence	N 08° 35' 24" W	332.12	meters to corner	498;
thence	N 01° 20' 44" E	329.13	meters to corner	499;
thence	N 38° 10' 41" E	839.18	meters to corner	500;
thence	N 37° 39' 37" E	585.21	meters to corner	501;
thence	N 20° 46' 14" W	624.76	meters to corner	502;
thence	N 03° 14' 44" W	177.80	meters to corner	503;
thence	N 29° 14' 13" E	1,123.87	meters to corner	504;
thence	N 54° 03' 22" W	62.20	meters to corner	505;
thence	N 11° 32' 13" W	559.84	meters to corner	506;
thence	N 80° 46' 13" E	812.67	meters to corner	507;
thence	N 04° 36' 04" W	275.91	meters to corner	508;
thence	N 59° 52' 31" E	390.06	meters to corner	509;
thence	N 82° 12' 38" E	1,435.87	meters to corner	510;
thence	S 87° 07' 28" E	287.17	meters to corner	511;

thence	N 77° 52' 32" E	288.14	meters to corner 512;
thence	S 05° 27' 03" E	229.95	meters to corner 513;
thence	N 66° 50' 15" E	777.05	meters to corner 514;
thence	N 21° 39' 32" E	1,010.79	meters to corner 515;
thence	S 63° 56' 25" E	484.36	meters to corner 516;
thence	N 13° 47' 21" E	824.14	meters to corner 517;
thence	N 46° 18' 35" E	304.61	meters to corner 518;
thence	S 77° 45' 22" E	508.57	meters to corner 519;
thence	N 23° 12' 01" E	110.95	meters to corner 520;
thence	N 85° 41' 32" E	289.84	meters to corner 521;
thence	S 85° 56' 41" E	308.45	meters to corner 1,

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2 the point of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX
3 HUNDRED ELEVEN (38,611) hectares, more or less. bearings and distances of lines
4 were derived using the PRS 92 Philippines Zone III coordinate system, subject to
5 actual ground demarcation.

6 *Sec. 6. Establishment of Buffer Zones.* – The Secretary of the Department of
7 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the
8 Protected Area Management Board created under Section 7 of this Act, may designate
9 areas surrounding the AMPL as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra
10 layer of protection where restrictions may be applied: *Provided,* That in cases where
11 the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be
12 required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area
13 management plan.

14 **ARTICLE II**
15 **MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

1 *Sec. 7. Protected Area Management Board.* – Within ninety (90) days from the
2 effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall be created to
3 oversee the management of the AMPL. The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

- 4 a) DENR Regional Executive Director for Region III, as Chairperson;
- 5 b) Governors of the Provinces of Aurora and Nueva Ecija or their duly
6 authorized representatives;
- 7 c) Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are duly registered
8 residents of the Province of Aurora and Nueva Ecija, or their duly
9 designated representatives, unless the Senators decline the membership
10 in the PAMB;
- 11 d) District Representatives of the Congressional Districts where the AMPL is
12 located, or their duly designated representatives, unless the District
13 Representatives decline the membership in the PAMB;
- 14 e) Mayor of the Municipalities of Maria Aurora, San Luis, Baler and Dingalan
15 in the Province of Aurora, and the Municipality of Bongabon, in the
16 Province of Nueva Ecija or their duly authorized representatives;
- 17 f) Chairpersons of all the *barangays* with territorial jurisdiction over the
18 AMPL;
- 19 g) Regional Directors of the following government agencies, namely:
20 Department of Agriculture, National Economic and Development
21 Authority, Department of Science and Technology, Philippine National
22 Police, Department of National Defense, and Department of Tourism;
- 23 h) Three (3) representatives from either NGOs, or people’s organizations
24 (POs) based in the Provinces of Aurora or Nueva Ecija, duly accredited
25 both by the DENR and the provincial government. The NGOs or POs
26 represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years and

1 with track record in or related to protected area management;

2 i) At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the
3 indigenous cultural communities/ indigenous peoples present in the area
4 and recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;

5 j) One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a
6 university or college in the Province of Aurora or Nueva Ecija, with proven
7 track record in or related to protected area management; and

8 k) One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of
9 the Province of Aurora or Nueva Ecija, who is distinguished in a
10 profession or field of interest relevant to the management of a protected
11 area.

12 The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for their
13 removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise
14 known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992" as amended
15 by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded National Integrated
16 Protected Areas System Act of 2018".

17 *Sec. 8. Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB shall have the following powers and
18 functions:

19 a) Oversee the management of the AMPL;

20 b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other
21 related documents for the management of the AMPL;

22 c) Approve the management plan of the AMPL and ensure its harmonization
23 with and integration into the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development
24 and Protection Plan, land use plan and other development plans, public
25 or private, and their implementation;

26 d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the

- 1 conduct of business, and the creation of committees and their respective
2 terms of reference;
- 3 e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for
4 the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the
5 management of the AMPL;
- 6 f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management
7 plan and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account and
8 other funds in accordance with government accounting, budgeting, and
9 auditing rules and regulations;
- 10 g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 11 h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through
12 appropriate and effective means;
- 13 i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other
14 government authorities with respect to the management of the AMPL;
- 15 j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area
16 Superintendent and other protected area personnel and compliance of
17 partners with the terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or
18 agreement relative to any project or activity within the AMPL;
- 19 k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the
20 designation or appointment of the Protected Area Superintendent; and
- 21 l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of the AMPL: *Provided*, That
22 the members of the PAMB representing the LGUs and national agencies
23 shall inform their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB-
24 approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and
25 projects and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and the rules and
26 regulations issued to implement it are complied with and used as

1 reference and framework in their respective plans, policies, programs,
2 and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be the basis for
3 disciplinary action against such member according to administrative rules
4 and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may provide: *Provided,*
5 *further,* That the DENR, through the Regional Director, shall ensure that
6 the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of
7 conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing
8 administrative orders of national application, the latter shall prevail.

9 *Sec. 9. The Protected Area Management Office.* — There is hereby established
10 a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by a Protected Area
11 Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day to day management, protection,
12 and administration of the AMPL. The PASu shall hold a permanent plantilla position
13 and shall be appointed by the DENR. A sufficient number of support staff with
14 permanent plantilla positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR.

15 The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for the
16 management and operations of the AMPL. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall have the
17 following duties and responsibilities:

- 18 a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders,
19 including the annual work and financial plan and ensure its
20 implementation;
- 21 b) Ensure the integration of relevant national and LGU plans and programs
22 into AMPL management plans, programs, projects, and policies;
- 23 c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure
24 the availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;
- 25 d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules,
26 regulations, and programs;

- 1 e) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which
2 shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- 3 f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the AMPL, commence
4 and institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other
5 government agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of
6 offenses committed in violation of the provisions of this Act;
- 7 g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management
8 activities of the AMPL;
- 9 h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from
10 any agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic
11 institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the
12 effective management, protection and administration of the AMPL;
- 13 i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the
14 management plan and other permitted activities in accordance with
15 terms, conditions, and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That
16 all permits for extraction of natural resources for research purposes,
17 including the collection of wildlife and its by-products or derivatives, shall
18 specify the acts to be authorized, and shall continue to be issued by
19 relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through
20 the PASu;
- 21 j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income
22 for the AMPL: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other
23 income collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB
24 and the DENR in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 25 k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and
26 financial plans of the AMPL based on the management plan; and
- 27 l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

1 The PAMO may be augmented by the deputized local environment and natural
2 resources officers upon the recommendation of the PAMB and approval of the DENR.

3 **ARTICLE III**
4 **PROCEEDS AND FEES**

5 Sec. 10. *The Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area*
6 *Fund.* – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Aurora Memorial
7 Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund (AMPL-IPAF) for purposes of
8 financing projects of the AMPL and the NIPAS. All income generated from the
9 operation and management of AMPL shall accrue to the AMPL-IPAF. The income shall
10 be derived from fees and charges from the use of facilities and from permitted sale
11 and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the AMPL, proceeds from the
12 lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and facilities directly
13 benefiting from the AMPL, and such other fees and income derived from the operation
14 of the AMPL.

15 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised
16 through the above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area-Retained
17 Income Account (PA-RIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the
18 locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the
19 protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the AMPL and
20 implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-five
21 percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a special account in the General Fund
22 of the National Treasury for purposes of financing the projects of the NIPAS.

23 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, and endowments from
24 various sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, That the fund shall be deposited in full
25 as a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be
26 made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the
27 NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing
28 accounting, budgeting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the
29 fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

1 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
2 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property tax
3 and rentals of LGUs' facilities.

4 **ARTICLE IV**
5 **TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

6 Sec. 11. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately include
7 in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
8 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 12. *Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.* – The provisions of Republic
10 Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall have suppletory
11 application to this Act.

12 Sec. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from
13 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the
14 local governments of the Municipalities of Maria Aurora, San Luis, Baler, Dingalan and
15 Bongabon the provincial government of Aurora and Nueva Ecija, and concerned
16 national government agencies, issue rules and regulations for the effective
17 implementation of this Act.

18 Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act is held
19 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby
20 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

21 Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
22 regulations, issuance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
23 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

24 Sec. 16. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation

Approved,