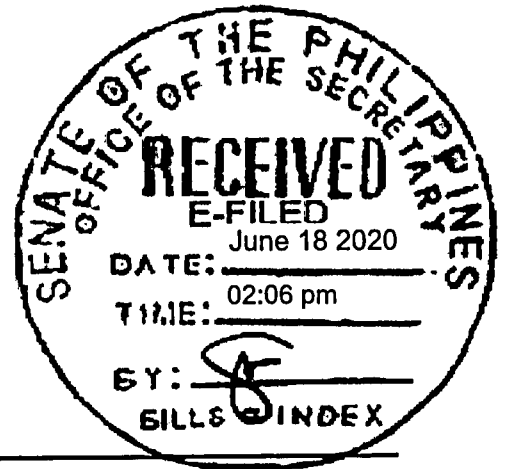


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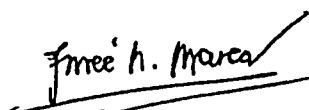
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 15 mandates that the State shall protect the right of health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the State to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

To date, the Municipality of Villanueva in the Province of Misamis Oriental is considered as the growing industrial hub in the province and even in Region X. The presence of companies like Philippine Sinter Corporation (PSC), STEAG State Power Inc., Purina, and recent opening Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc. contributes to the municipality's income although it is largely agricultural. The economic growth of Villanueva and the influx of industrial plants also resulted to the increase of the number of the people residing in the municipality.

The people in the Municipality of Villanueva still have to endure an almost two hour journey to get to Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) just to attain affordable and better medical services. In view of the foregoing, it is high time that a hospital be established in the area to provide a quality and accessible healthcare as constitutionally mandated.

For the above-stated reasons, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. There shall be established a twenty five (25) bed hospital of the
2 Northern Mindanao Medical Center in the Municipality of Villanueva, Province of
3 Misamis Oriental under the supervision of the Department of Health to be known as
4 the Northern Mindanao District Hospital Villanueva.

5 Sec. 2. The Local Government of the Municipality of Villanueva shall be
6 responsible for the location of the satellite hospital and the construction of the same.

7 Sec. 3. The Secretary of Health and/or his duly authorized representative, in
8 consultation and coordination with the concerned officials of the local governments of
9 Misamis Oriental, shall formulate and promulgate the implementing guidelines, rules
10 and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

11 Sec. 4. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
12 program the operationalization of the Northern Mindanao District Hospital Villanueva,
13 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

14 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,