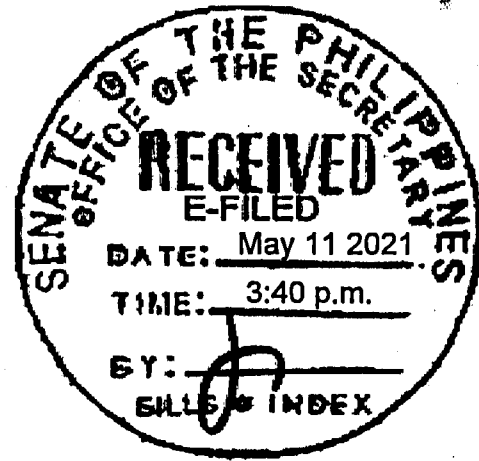


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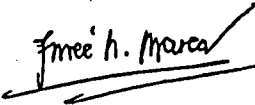
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution states 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."*

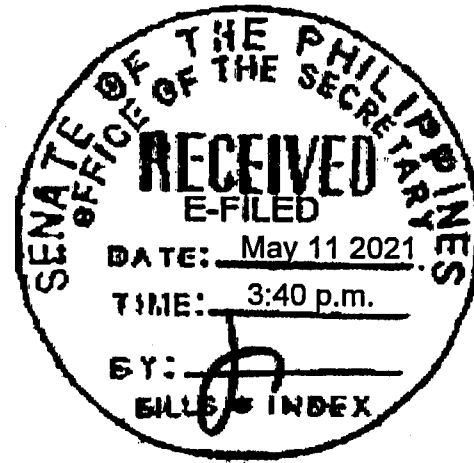
The Diket Falls is a perfect spot for ecotourism. It is one-hour hike to a waterfall that provides a good view of the various sections of the Caraballo Mountain Range. Hikers will love the verdant forest park, which is lined with rocky river beds and streams. Anyone who enjoys ecotourism will be immersed in nature in a way that most people cannot in urban life, bringing with him an experience associated with a natural environment. Any visitor will be able to experience trail traveling to relatively undisturbed natural areas, as well as admire and enjoy scenery away from urban life.

This bill therefor seeks to declare the "Diket falls" as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan. The development of the Diket Falls will significantly boost the Municipality of Umingan's ecotourism industry.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure 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. Diket Falls located in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of
2 Pangasinan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall
3 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

5 SEC. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in
6 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the municipal
7 government of Umingan and other concerned agencies of the government, shall
8 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation
9 and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance
10 tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the
11 preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and resources
12 in the area.

13 SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate
14 steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism
15 development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Diket Falls
16 in all its national, regional and local promotions programs.

17 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program
18 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
19 General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally
20 generated funds of the Department.

1 SEC. 5. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations,
2 presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this
3 Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

4 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
5 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,