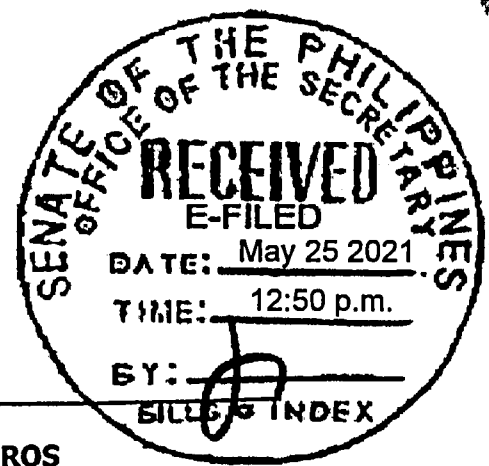


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare Lulugayan Falls and Ecovillage as an ecotourism site in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of Samar.

The Lulugayan Falls in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of Samar is one of the most sought tourist destinations in the Province of Samar because of its beautiful waterfall cascades and refreshing water. Lulugayan Falls is even often dubbed as the mini-Niagara Falls and is considered as Samar's most popular waterfalls.

Lulugayan Falls is located fourteen (14) kilometers from the center of the town of Calbiga. It is one of the widest waterfalls in the Philippines with a span of about fifty (50) meters in width. Lulugayan Falls' highest drop is about thirty (30) meters. The breathtakingly beautiful waterfall cascades and the thorough water drops make Lulugayan Falls an exceptional waterfall.

The declaration of Lulugayan Falls as an ecotourism site will not only result to the development and improvement of the tourist site but will likewise help in the furtherance of socio-economic development in the local communities as well as in the whole country.

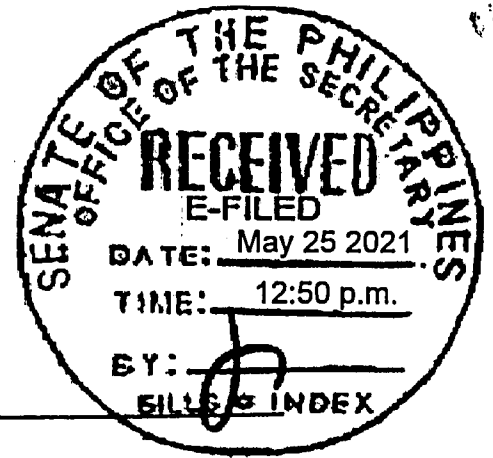
As embodied in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In light of all this, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought,

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

- 1            *Sec. 1. Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as "*Lulugayan Falls and Ecovillage*  
2 *Ecotourism Act*."
- 3            *Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.* – The 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the  
4 State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology  
5 In accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.  
6 Accordingly, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote an ecologically-  
7 sustainable and effective tourist industry that will enhance environmental preservation  
8 and support socio-economic development.
- 9            *Sec. 3. The Lulugayan Falls Ecotourism Site.* – The Lulugayan Falls in the  
10 Municipality of Calbiga, Province of Samar is hereby declared as an ecotourism site. Its  
11 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject  
12 to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.  
13 The DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units as well as with the  
14 other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan for  
15 Lulugayan Falls which shall be incorporated in the overall National Tourism Development  
16 Plan (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as "The Tourism Act  
17 of 2009", and which shall also include the construction and maintenance of infrastructure  
18 and facilities in the area; Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the  
19 preservation and conservation of the scenery and resources of the area.
- 20            *Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days after the  
21 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT, in consultation with the concerned local  
22 government units, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and

1 other agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
2 implementation of this Act.

3       **Sec. 5. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the  
4 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be  
5 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the  
6 DOT.

7       **Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive  
8 orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended  
9 accordingly.

10       **Sec. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
11 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,