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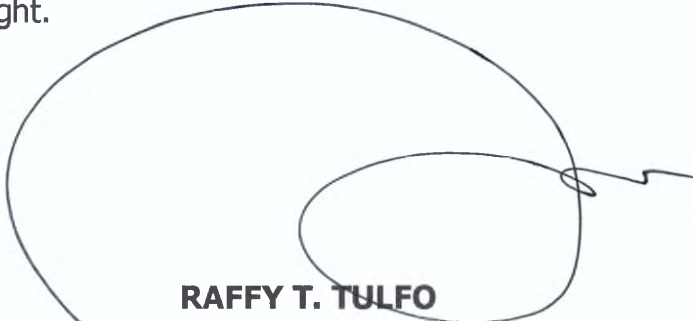
AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY KAPATAGAN IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF
DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Kapatagan in the City of Digos, Davao del sur is known for being the Baguio of the South. It is located on the foothills of Mt. Apo and approximately 1,299 meters above sea. The proposed measure aims to declare Barangay Kapatagan as an ecotourism site to attract local and foreign tourists and generate economic opportunities for the people in the area. The proposed legislation intends to highlight the unique natural and cultural attractions of the barangay, including its rich biodiversity, scenic landscapes, and traditional practices and beliefs. Moreover, the bill proposes to appropriate funds for the development and enhancement of ecotourism facilities and infrastructure in Barangay

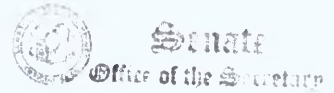
Kapatagan. These funds will be allocated for the construction of tourist facilities such as accommodation facilities, recreational areas, and eco-trails, among others. It will also be used to provide training and capacity-building programs for the residents of the barangay to enhance their skills in providing quality services to tourists. The proposed legislation aims to promote sustainable tourism in Barangay Kapatagan, which will not only provide economic benefits to the local community but also preserve its natural and cultural heritage for future generation.

The passage of this measure is thus 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.** Barangay Kapatagan in the City of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur, is
2 hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
3 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
4 development of ecotourism sites.

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6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the city government of Digos
7 shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
8 and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that

1 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
2 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That said
3 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty
4 and resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the tourism
5 development plan shall be included in the budget of the city government of Digos.

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7 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the city government of Digos in the implementation of the
8 tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
9 It shall also include Barangay Kapatagan in its national and regional promotion programs.

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11 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
12 budget of the city government of Digos. The DOT may augment such allocation with
13 internally generated funds.

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15 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the city government of
16 Digos shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
17 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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19 **SEC. 6.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
20 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force
21 and effect.

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23 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees
24 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
25 repealed or amended accordingly.

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27 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
28 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,