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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"LESS FOR SELF, MORE FOR COUNTRY, ABUNDANCE FOR ALL"

This is the motto that every *Volunteer for Nation Building*, strives to live by, as he or she works individually and solidarily---hand-in-hand, with other volunteers across the country and beyond Philippine shores, as they collectively envision our Filipino people living with dignity and in peace, in a slum-free, squatter-free, poverty-free Philippines by the year 2024.

Building viable, sustainable and empowered communities, in the Philippines embodies the faith that Filipinos will end poverty in the Philippines through: (1) public-private partnerships; (2) simultaneous ground-up and top-down development initiatives; (3) rich and poor working together, bridging the social gap; and (4) the principle of the "best for the least" and preferential option for the least fortunate giving those at the bottom of the social and economic pyramid upward aspirations to build a broader middle-class with enlightened leadership from the Government and private sectors.

The goal of this legislation is to encourage the private sector to be a supporter of Government, not just its critic, to restore the faith of our citizens in our Government institutions through collaboration and cooperation for the

the private sector, to go beyond partisan politics, religious and ideological differences and business rivalries, and to build a just and prosperous nation—by making every Filipino a *nation builder*.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution is replete with provisions that promote social-economic and poverty alleviation programs, equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth to uplift the standard of living and quality of life of all citizens, with the help of independent non-governmental people's organizations to pursue and protect, citizens interest and welfare, within a democratic framework, through community-based initiatives.

The Local Government Code of 1990 recognizes the critical role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) which include Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Volunteer Organizations (VOs) and People's Organizations (Pos) in nation-building, and empowers local government units (LGUs) to enter into joint ventures and such other cooperative arrangements to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capacity-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises designed to improve the productivity and income levels of Filipinos.

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights also supports the fostering of a covenant between the State and civil society towards the protection of the rights and the enhancement of human dignity, by diffusing wealth and political power and reducing or removing economic, social and cultural injustices and barriers for the common good.

In the Philippines, Gawad Kalinga or GK, has trail blazed the socio-economic-political frontiers of Philippine society by employing a unique tool for change called: "Social Engineering", which exemplifies the "Bayanihan" spirit of "volunteerism" coupled with "caring" or kalinga. "Bayanihan" and "kalinga" are indigenous Filipino practices/traits that can be traced to our pre-colonial forefathers. The *Bayanihan spirit* evokes of local heroism and patriotism, in the midst of the Filipino people's struggle to fight poverty and other social inequities.

GK's trademark is its capacity to mobilize multi-sectoral initiatives from the ground, by marshaling its "capital resources" of: TRUST equity, SWEAT equity, plus its sterling record of RESPECT and INTEGRITY with its partners and various stakeholders from the Government, the private sector, international agencies, foreign governments, interfaith groups, the academe and CSOs. The GK approach is hinged on effectively drawing out core Filipino values of faith and patriotism, of generosity and sharing. And its "secret" formula to success is a genuine and sincere stewardship founded on unwavering TRUSTWORTHINESS.

GK as an emerging Philippine and Asian "Model of Development", has been instrumental as the "converging point for multi-sectoral partnerships" and as a "Template for Good Governance" engaged in: community building through shelter and other infrastructure programs; community child, youth and maternal health; child and youth education; community entrepreneurship, livelihood and

micro-finance; food sufficiency; gender equality and woman empowerment; peace efforts; culture, eco-tourism and environmental preservation and protection.

All these socio-economic themed programs are in line with the eight-point Millennium Development Goal's (MDGs) which the Philippines, as a signatory to the United Nations Millennium Declaration has committed to achieve by the year 2015. Recently, GK has also fostered "peace builds" for displaced Muslim Filipinos in Mindanao, in the aftermath of strife and natural calamities.

The fifteen-year solid track-record of GK in continuously providing a Filipino model for modern day community growth and development, through a "trust-based" merging of multi-sectoral public-private partnership, and the "bridging-molding-shepherding" by GK among the poor informal settlers in the country, of the values of self-help and self-empowerment, through the delivery of basic needs: land and shelter, food, healthcare, livelihood, all contributing to the development of 2,000 communities nationwide, to rise-out-of extreme poverty---IS PROOF and a testament to the effectiveness of the GK framework of grassroots community building, that indeed in inspiring the poor to help themselves become self-reliant through "bayanihan" and "kalinga", we Filipinos can end poverty in the Philippines within our generation.

With an economy that is anchored on frail economic fundamentals: a budget deficit hitting the Php 325 Billion mark by the end of year 2010, with 34 % of the population jobless, and a high poverty rate of 26 %---all of these will have a negative impact on whatever poverty alleviation programs, the Philippine Government has lined up for implementation in the current and coming years. And hardest to be hit shall be the delivery of basic services to the marginalized Filipinos.

During this free-market, capitalist and fiscally challenging times, when the world is still reeling from the inundation of the global economic crisis and financial recession, there is an urgent need to seek out doable alternative methods of solving poverty and homelessness, through a strategic "mini-max" sourcing and utilization of limited but available public resources, and the provision of incentives and a "social transformation fund" as Government's counterpart---these in tandem with the material and incorporeal equity that Gawad Kalinga can harness, within a structure of collaborative tripartite public-private partnership among stakeholders: the National Government, Congressional Districts and LGU's and local CSOs + the constituents of the locality + private corporate and multi-sectoral partners, to implement a holistic community building and township development program.

It is about time that the *Volunteerism In Nation Building* framework be institutionalized as a means to *directly link* the various sectors of society: the public sector, the private sector and the CSOs, through a Government initiated national development plan on *alternative poverty eradication*, patterned after the

innovative "Gawad Kalinga Way" of multi-sectoral resources generation and mobilization for sustainable human development.

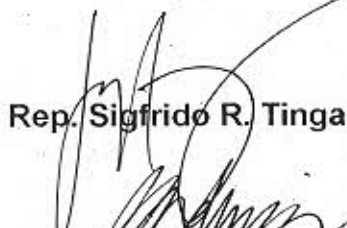
We have seen how GK, which started as a diminutive "outreach group"--- evolve into a distinctive Filipino model for community development, has made it possible to turn the tide of social transgressions in our country, by addressing poverty, homelessness, and class struggles, while transcending traditional politics, commercial rivalries and ethnocentric interests. In all these, we find inspiration that we can BUILD a NATION that every PINOY can be proud of.

With hope, optimism, concrete action and a united stand by the entire country, the community development approach of GK, which in a nutshell, advocates "THE POLITICS OF CARING, THE ECONOMICS OF SHARING AND THE CULTURE OF HEROISM", and embracing these as the new culture and norm of our times, making it a "*Bayaning Pilipino-Bayanihan ng Sambayanan*" movement together with other volunteerism groups, under the inclusive framework of "Nation Building", shall be the catalyst to "bring the Philippines out of the Third World; and make it a First World nation".¹

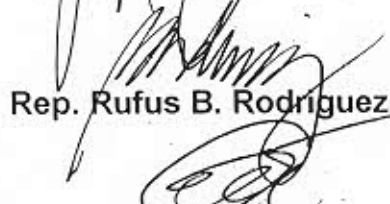
In view of the foregoing, our united support, to approve this piece of legislation is humbly sought.



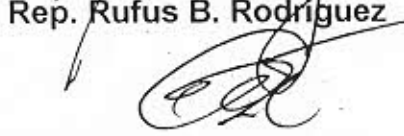
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¹ Mr. Tony Meloto of Gawad Kalinga, Philippine Daily Inquirer, 2008.

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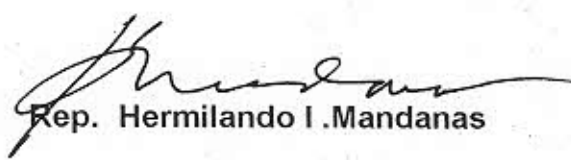
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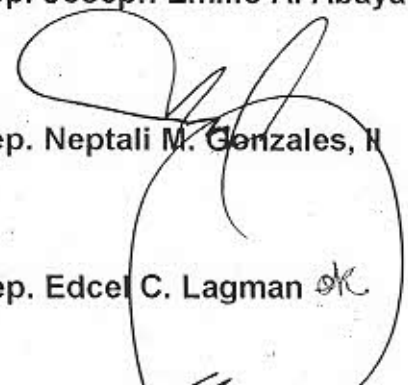


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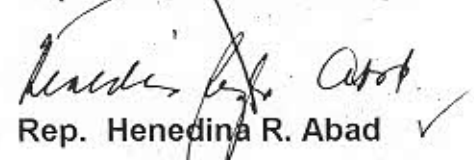


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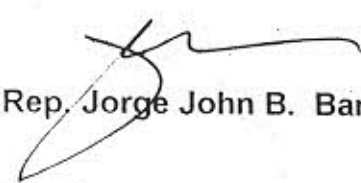
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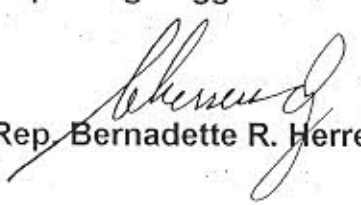
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AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN NATION BUILDING THROUGH THE
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A STRATEGIC VOLUNTEERISM BASED MULTI-
SECTORAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK, IN ALL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN THE
COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

- 1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Filipino
- 2 Volunteerism In Nation Building (VNB) Act of 2010".
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- 4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - (a) The State recognizes and respects
- 5 the vital role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) which include Non-
- 6 Government Organizations (NGOs), Volunteer Organizations (VOs) and
- 7 People's Organizations (Pos), as effective conduits in harnessing people

1 power, to promote and achieve nation-building through community-based
2 socio-economic and poverty alleviation programs, projects and activities,
3 in pursuance of national sustainable human development.

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5 (b) It is also the declared policy of the State to ensure equitable
6 distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth to uplift the standard of
7 living and quality of life of all citizens, with the active involvement of
8 independent *bona fide* CSOs that shall adopt global good governance
9 practices, as it operates at the grassroots level.

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11 (c) It is likewise the policy of the State to pursue and protect, the citizens
12 rights, interests and maximization of benefits to the people; by leveling the
13 playing field on access to work opportunities as well as providing
14 mechanisms to expand job productivity within a democratic framework,
15 through community-based initiatives that shall promote the general welfare
16 and development of the people and the nation.

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18 (d) Furthermore, it is also the policy of the State to guarantee the
19 institutionalization of a *committed, participative and sustained* engagement
20 by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and Congressional Districts
21 (Districts)-local and national CSOs-the private sector-and the constituents,
22 in the long-term process of community building and poverty alleviation,
23 through joint ventures and such other cooperative arrangements, within the
24 over-all framework of nation building.

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26 **SEC. 3. *Volunteers In Nation Building (VNB) Mission-Vision Framework.*** -

27 The role of the LGUs and Districts shall be, to provide assistance through
28 the sharing of *all* available resources, of the LGUs and Districts: and to
29 provide access points for VNB to be able to tap, coordinate or forge
30 linkages with vital local offices, institutions, groups or individuals, to widen
31 the reach and sphere of implementation of the VNB Act.

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2 All VNB programs, projects and activities shall be in pursuance of
3 the following: community building through shelter and other infrastructure
4 programs; community child, youth and maternal health; child and youth
5 education; community entrepreneurship; food sufficiency; gender equality
6 and woman empowerment; peace efforts; culture, eco- tourism and
7 environmental preservation and protection.
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9 In addition, micro-finance and livelihood programs, projects and
10 activities as well as strategies, approaches and other initiatives that will
11 promote and engender amity and harmony in areas or localities that have
12 peace-conflicts, shall be deemed an integral part of the VNB paradigm.
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14 The aforestated programs, projects and activities shall incorporate
15 the eight-point agenda of the Millennium Development Goals, in keeping
16 with VNB's commitment to foster nation building towards the eradication of
17 poverty in the country and in fulfillment of the country's adherence to
18 international human development and human rights treaties and
19 agreements.
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21 **SEC. 4. *Volunteers In Nation Building (VNB) Guidebook.*** - A
22 comprehensive and concise manual which contains the masterplan of all
23 VNB initiatives shall be prepared and disseminated in all LGUs and
24 Districts. The manual, which shall serve as a guidebook, shall contain the
25 mission-vision, objectives and goals, methods, systems, directory of VNB
26 plans, programs, projects and activities, and over-all timeline as well as
27 multi-sectoral capacity and sustainability building strategies, the VNB
28 member credo, all of which are aligned with the postulates and principles
29 adhered to by VNB, and geared towards efficiently and effectively achieving
30 the VNB mission and vision framework towards nation building.
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1 The VNB Guide Book shall provide the guidelines for the
2 organizational set-up, scope of work, duties and functions of the VNB
3 Central Office and Secretariat, *Provided, That*, within the 30 day period
4 following the effectivity of the VNB Act, the President shall issue the
5 appropriate Order or Memorandum to form the Steering Committee (SC) to
6 be composed of eleven (11) members as follows: five (5) from the public
7 sector, two (2) from Congress, one (1) from the corporate sector, one (1)
8 from the CSOs/NGO sector, one (1) from the academe, one (1)
9 representative of the OP, all of whom shall be designated and properly
10 compensated in accordance with existing laws, by the President, to
11 comprise the "ad-hoc/transition team". The SC shall participate in the
12 formulation of the IRR of this Act and thereafter, be responsible for setting-
13 up the VNB Central Office, VNB Secretariat and VNB Satellite Offices/Desks
14 and Staff Complement, the initial coordinative and liaison work with the
15 *core group* of agencies provided in Section 15 of this Act, and the VNB-
16 JCOC as provided in Section 8 of this Act, as well as the preparation of the
17 initial roster/list of contact persons for local and international inter-agency
18 and inter-sectoral linkages to establish a permanent comprehensive
19 directory of all public and private participants/partners under the VNB Act.

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21 The SC which shall be constituted under the OP, shall have three
22 (3) months from the date of issuance of the said Presidential Order or
23 Memorandum, to fulfill the directive of activating the initial phases of
24 activating, mobilizing, organizing and establishing the VNB Act within the
25 stated time frame, and shall ensure that the VNB Act shall be fully
26 implemented and operational in accordance with its mandate.

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28 **SEC. 5. Volunteers In Nation Building Key Implementors, Partners,**
29 **Stakeholders.** - The following shall be the multi-sectoral public and private
30 sector partners of VNB: Office of the President (OP), Department of Local
31 Government and Interior (DILG), Department of Budget and Management

1 (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR),
2 Bureau of Customs (BoC), Bureau of Treasury (BoT), National Economic
3 and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Social Welfare and
4 Development (DSWD), Department of Environment and Natural Resources
5 (DENR), National Housing Authority (NHA), Land Registration Authority
6 (LRA), Home Mutual Development Fund (HMDF), Housing and Land Use
7 Regulatory Board (HLURB), Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC),
8 PAG-IBIG Fund, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Technology and
9 Livelihood Research Commission (TLRC), Department of Health (DOH),
10 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of
11 Education (DEP-ED), Technological Education and Skills Development
12 Authority (TESDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department
13 of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Agriculture
14 (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Energy (DOE),
15 National Electrification Authority (NEA) Cooperative Development Authority
16 (CDA), the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
17 (PNVSCA), all LGUs, all Congressional Districts, VNB Secretariat and VNB
18 Satellite Office/Desk Staff Complement.

19
20 All *bona fide* CSOs that are into socio-welfare and economic
21 upliftment programs, projects and activities and have consistently
22 established a track record of having built at least 1,000 poor communities
23 across the country, as validated by the OP, and the private sector partners
24 who shall include but shall not be limited to: corporate entities, interest
25 groups, interfaith, religious or spiritual groups, socio-cultural groups,
26 international organizations and donor institutions and affiliates, foreign
27 governments, the academe, and any such other aggrupations,
28 instrumentalities and/or individuals outside of the sphere of the public
29 sector, upon accreditation, shall be deemed as VNB partners and
30 stakeholders.

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1 **Sec. 6. Accreditation of VNB Partners and Stakeholders.** - All VNB
2 partners and stakeholders consisting of : LGU's and Districts, local and
3 national CSOs/NGOs, team leaders at the barangay level of the community,
4 all VNB partners from the private sector, corporate entities, interest
5 groups, interfaith, religious or spiritual groups, socio-cultural groups,
6 international organizations and donor institutions and affiliates, foreign
7 governments, the academe, and any such other aggrupations,
8 instrumentalities and/or individuals, involved in *any* VNB spearheaded
9 program, project or activity, shall be required to *accredit/enlist* with the
10 VNB Central Office through its district VNB Satellite Office/Desk at the local
11 level *or* the VNB Central Office itself at the national level, for purposes of
12 having a central and local system and procedure in monitoring, records
13 filing and updating and records management, of all individuals or entities
14 that engage in community building partnerships with VNB.

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16 **Sec. 7. VNB Satellite Office/Desk.** - A VNB satellite office/desk shall be
17 established in each LGU or District, wherever it is more geographically
18 feasible, upon determination by the VNB Central Office in consultation with
19 the appropriate LGU head and District representative , to ensure that the
20 VNB Central Office through the satellite office/desk, is accessible to the
21 grassroots and to all partners and stakeholders, whereas the satellite
22 office/desk shall primarily serve as the official venue in which to
23 coordinate, conduct and consolidate all VNB concerns and activities within
24 the locality.

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26 For a clear coordinative collaboration among all agencies involved
27 in the implementation of the VNB mandate, some critical Government
28 agencies, in close coordination with the VNB Secretariat and VNB Satellite
29 Offices/Desks, shall have specific lead roles: the *DSWD*, for review and
30 implementation of VNB socio-welfare projects, programs and activities; the
31 *NHA* for the application/requirements compliance, submission and

1 approval of the VNB shelter plan; the *DILG*- for overall VNB inter-agency
2 and LGUs coordination at the local level; the Volunteers In Nation Building -
3 Joint Congressional Oversight Committee, to oversee the VNB work with
4 local & national offices, the local and national CSOs, LGU and District
5 coordination and the private sector, in the implementation of all VNB
6 initiatives, programs, projects and activities; the *OP* for direct supervision
7 and monitoring over all VNB programs, projects and activities involving
8 local and international entities and agencies and the VNB public-private
9 sector partnerships.

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11 **Sec. 8. *Volunteers In Nation Building*-Joint Congressional Oversight**
12 **Committee (VNB-JCOC).** - The VNB-JCOC shall oversee the VNB work with
13 local & national offices, the local and national CSOs, LGU and District
14 coordination and the private sector, in the implementation of all VNB
15 initiatives, programs, projects and activities. It shall be convened by the
16 Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as
17 attached units to the Office of the Senate President and Office of the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively. The committee shall
19 be co-chaired by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, and shall have five (5) Members who are the Chairmen of
21 the following Senate and House of Representatives Committees: Social
22 Welfare, Housing, and Local Government, Appropriations and Ways and
23 Means. The VNB-JCOC Secretariat shall be constituted by the Senate
24 President and the Speaker of the House, to be composed of not more than
25 five (5) staff for the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively,
26 and utilizing organic personnel of each House, as designated by the
27 respective agency heads. The details for the implementation and
28 operationalization of the VNB-JCOC, shall be specified and included in the
29 IRR of this Act.

1 **Sec. 9. Reportorial Requirement.** - It shall be the duty of the VNB-JCOC in
2 coordination with the VNB Secretariat, to submit an Annual Progress and
3 Audit Report, in accordance with currently accepted accounting and
4 auditing practices, to the Office of the President and to Congress, on the
5 monitoring of the implementation of the VNB Act. Such report shall include
6 an evaluation and recommendations, as necessary, and with the approval
7 of the OP, to ensure the continued and sustained effectiveness of the VNB
8 framework in achieving its Mission-Vision mandate.

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10 **SEC. 10. Incentives For VNB Partners and Stakeholders.** - Any VNB
11 and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) accredited Donor and Donee under a
12 VNB listed program, project or activity shall enjoy the following incentives:

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14 1.) All Donations in cash and in kind, including land, all of which are
15 actually, directly and exclusively *used* by the VNB movement, in its
16 programs, projects and activities that provide shelter, basic utilities of
17 electricity and water, education, healthcare, livelihood, environment and
18 peace efforts, that shall inure to the benefit of poor communities identified
19 by the VNB Central Office, *Provided* that such donations to the VNB
20 Secretariat shall be fully *tax deductible* from the gross income of the donor,
21 under the new nomenclature of donations for "nation building", upon
22 submission to the BIR of the VNB requirements for that purpose. The
23 implementation of this incentive shall be patterned after the applicable
24 provisions on "Allowable Deductions" under RA 8424, as amended.

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26 2.) A donor's tax exemption shall be enjoyed by the VNB donor, upon
27 submission to the BIR of the VNB requirements for that purpose.

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29 The DOF in coordination with the OP, DOF with the BIR and BoC,
30 DBM and the VNB Secretariat, shall set the guidelines for the screening,
31 evaluation, and approval of all tax incentives and benefits used for VNB

1 purposes, as well as the IRR specifically to implement the incentives
2 provided herein. In line with proper fiscal administration policies, the DOF
3 in coordination with VNB, shall determine the compliance criteria for
4 "utilization", "valuation", "deductibility", "proof of utilization" and "proof of
5 deductions" of all VNB donations whether in cash or in kind, as basis to
6 determine the availment of, and continued applicability or withdrawal of all
7 such tax incentives and benefits, in accordance with RA 8428, as amended,
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9 3.) A tax amnesty incentive, applicable to all national internal revenue
10 taxes for the taxable year 2007 to 2010, in accordance with RA 9480, shall
11 likewise be extended to VNB donors who submit to the BIR
12 appropriate/required documents and comply with procedural requisites for
13 the availment of tax amnesty, *Provided, however*, That, the VNB donor is
14 not among the list of disqualified taxpayers, and that such VNB donor was
15 merely late or was not able to avail of the tax amnesty program (TAP) under
16 RA 9480, and is otherwise qualified to apply for tax amnesty. The
17 application for amnesty shall commence thirty days after the effectivity of
18 the IRR of this, *Provided*, that, the applicant has also complied with all
19 documentary proof of donation requirements stated in this Act. Availment
20 of and payment of the applicable amnesty tax shall be within six months
21 from the effectivity of the IRR specifically for the incentives provided
22 herein.
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24 4.) A Special Housing Fund (SHF) to be sourced from the proceeds of real
25 property tax pegged at one per centum (1%) of the assessed value of real
26 property, in addition to the prevailing real property tax levied thereon
27 pursuant to existing laws. This shall be deemed as the public sector i.e.,
28 Government's "equity" under the VNB framework, which shall be used
29 principally for the VNB shelter programs, projects or activities, in
30 pursuance of the shelter/housing development plan to be prepared with the
31 assistance of the Local Development Council (LDC) of the barangay,

1 municipality, city, and province. Such funds shall be automatically
2 appropriated and thereafter be disbursed *after* a complete and
3 implementable shelter program has been *approved* by the VNB Central
4 Office, as coursed through the VNB Satellite Offices/Desk Officer, and
5 returned back to the barangay, municipality, city, province that submitted
6 the same for approval, *within* one month from its submission to the VNB
7 Satellite Offices/Desk Officer. *Provided*, That, the implementation of this
8 provision shall be in accordance with the percentage allocation, to be
9 patterned after the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 on
10 allocation of special funds earmarked from *local real property tax*. A
11 reasonable percentage out of the one percent (1%) SHF shall also be
12 allocated to fund administrative and operations expenditures of the VNB
13 Central Office and VNB Satellite Offices/Desks, VNB Secretariat and Staff
14 Complement at the local and national levels. *Provided, further*, That this
15 special fund shall be rationalized and prudently used to attain the *Mission-*
16 *Vision* of the VNB Act, with the details of these percentage allocations and
17 requirements for actual disbursement thereof among the barangay,
18 municipality, city and province and the over-all manner of implementation
19 of this incentive, to be clearly specified in the Implementing Rules and
20 Regulations (IRR) of this Act.

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22 The mechanics, criteria, qualifications, all documentary proof of
23 donation in cash or in kind, and proof of utilization of donation
24 requirements, and the implementation guidelines for all the incentives and
25 benefits provided under this Section, shall be carried out in accordance
26 with the 1987 Constitution, RA 8424, as amended, and other applicable
27 laws, rules and regulations, and shall be included and clearly specified in
28 the IRR, to ensure that these incentives and benefits shall properly benefit
29 the intended recipients, to fully and faithfully implement the true intent and
30 spirit of the VNB Act.

1 The incentives provided under this Act shall be effective for a period
2 of eight (8) years, with one extension of another six (6) years, subject to
3 satisfactory submission of and compliance with all VNB requirements,
4 terms and conditions, including all documentary proof of donation in cash
5 or in kind, and proof of utilization of donation requirements, for purposes of
6 the VNB Act.

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8 **Sec. 11. Fund Source.** - In line with the Fiscal Responsibility Policy of
9 Government, the DBM in coordination with the DOF, BIR, BoC and the BoT,
10 shall ensure the allocation of funds for the sustained and continued
11 operations of all the components of the VNB Act, to be earmarked from the
12 Value-Added Tax (VAT).

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14 **Sec. 12. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
15 of the VNB Act upon its effectivity and initial operations shall be charged
16 out of the funds of the Office of the President. Thereafter, any such sum as
17 shall be necessary for the regular implementation of this Act shall be
18 included in the subsequent General Appropriations Act (GAA) following the
19 VNB Act's enactment into law.

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21 **Sec. 13. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
22 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected
23 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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25 **SEC. 14. Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
26 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or
27 regulation contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act is
28 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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30 **SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).**- The Office of the
31 President in consultation and coordination with the Secretary of: DOF,

1 DBM, DILG, DPWH, DSWD, DENR, BIR Head, BoC Head, BoT Head, NEDA
2 Director General, NHA General Manager, LRA Head, HLURB Head, HMDF
3 Head, Pag-Ibig Fund President, SHFC Head, a representative from the
4 Office of the Senate President, a representative from the office of the
5 Speaker of the House and the VNB Head or authorized representative, as
6 the *core group*, together with the Steering Committee as provided in
7 Section 4 of this Act, with the assistance of all other Secretaries and Heads
8 of the participating Executive Agencies or their respective authorized
9 representative, and representatives from the private sector as instructed by
10 the OP, shall promulgate and publish the rules and regulations necessary
11 to implement this Act, within sixty (60) days after its effectivity, to ensure
12 proper, effective and efficient enforcement of the provisions of the VNB
13 Act.

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15 SEC. 16. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
16 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two national
17 newspapers of general circulation, whichever date comes earlier.

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19 Approved,
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