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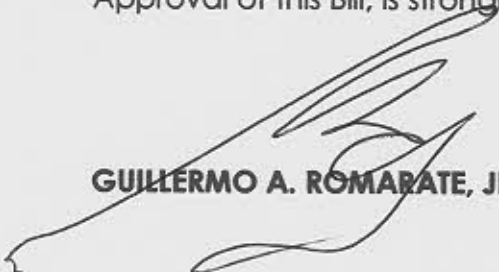
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sitios Palilihan, Pohagan and Poyawon of Barangay Mahanub, Municipality of Gigaquit in the Province of Surigao del Norte are home to a large population of Mamanwas in the province peacefully interacting with long-residing native Gigaquitnons. They comprise a vast fertile area which fits the basic requirement of their residents for food and sustenance. The said sitios, however, are the farthest from Barangay Mahanub proper which is approximately twelve kilometers away. As such, their residents aspire for more facilities and wherewithal essential for effective and adequate public service delivery system. To address this inadequacy of public services, it is imperative to bridge the gap between the residents of these sitios and their Barangay officials.

In consideration of their area and the number of their residents, however, it seems prudent that they be constituted into a new Barangay with its own set of Barangay officials.

Approval of this Bill, is strongly and earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
SEPARATING SITIOS PALILIHAN, POHAGAN AND POYAWON OF
BARANGAY MAHANUB, GIGAQUIT, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND
CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY
TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY STO. NIÑO

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

SECTION 1. **Creation of Barangay Sto. Niño** – The Sitios of Palilihan, Pohagan and Poyawon are hereby separated from Barangay Mahanub, in the Municipality of Gigaquit, Province of Surigao del Norte to constitute a new Barangay to be known as Barangay Sto. Niño.

SEC. 2. **Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite** .- Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", the new Barangay Sto. Nino shall exist upon approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters

of Barangay Sto. Niño in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in the area, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The amount necessary for the conduct of such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Gigaquit, Province of Surigao del Norte.

SEC. 3. *Barangay Officials* – The first set of officials of Barangay Sto Nino shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* – All existing public facilities for public use existing there at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new Barangay.

SEC. 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment* - Barangay Sto. Niño shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise as the "The Local Government Code of 1991".

SEC. 6. – *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,