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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE RADEN C. SAKALURAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As domestic and international travelers continue to swarm to our country's diverse tourist attractions, the tourism industry faces rising demands for more travel destinations, and an ever-increasing role to our nation's economic expansion. To meet these rising demands, the Department of Tourism, in partnership with the Philippine Tourism Authority, have launched intensive campaigns promoting the distinct cultural and natural wonders of our different provinces. Hence, we see an assortment of advertisements and travelogues highlighting various events and places of interest all over the archipelago.

Aspiring to contribute to this boom in tourism, the Province of Sultan Kudarat endeavors to open its own natural wonders to this throng of local and foreign travelers, among which include the Datablao Waterfalls.

Located in the opulent, green landscape of Barangay Datablao, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat, the Datablao Falls' cool, clear waters offer a refreshing getaway for travelers seeking nature's wonders. It's ecologically balanced development will be an invaluable addition to the national government's envisioned growth and expansion through tourism.

Furthermore, citing Article XII, Section 2, paragraph 1 of the Philippine Constitution, which provides that "...the exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State", it is therefore mandatory that the State undertake the judicious and sustainable development of our country's natural resources.

In view of the foregoing, this humble representation seeks the earnest approval of this bill.


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**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE DATABLAO FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN
BARANGAY DATABLAO, COLUMBIO, SULTAN KUDARAT, AS A TOURIST SPOT
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

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

SECTION 1. The Datablao Waterfalls and its premises located at Barangay Datablao, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat Province is hereby declared as a tourist spot. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist spots.

SECTION 2. The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Philippine Tourism Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation, and/or maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure which shall enhance tourism in the area; Provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty, ecological balance, and historical significance thereof.

SECTION 3. The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan and incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

SECTION 4. The Department of Tourism shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the Appropriation of the Department of Tourism under the current Appropriation Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operations and maintenance of said tourist spot shall be included in the annual Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,