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HOUSE BILL NO. 10054



Introduced by: **LORNA P. BAUTISTA- BANDIGAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Malita has a vast geographical area of 120,115 hectares and the largest land area among all the municipalities in the Province of Davao Occidental. It is composed of thirty (30) barangays situated in three (3) different geological formations, the upland, the lowland and the coastal area. The upland barangays are considered as the farthest area from the heart of the town which contributes to the high number of population to the municipality. The Municipality of Malita is a progressive town which abounded with more government projects on infrastructures and business centers. However, infrastructures and business investments are mostly implemented and developed within the Poblacion or town area respectively. On the other hand, there has been a difficult delivery of government services to the upland area due to its distance. Most likely, plans and government projects have been devoid to attain.

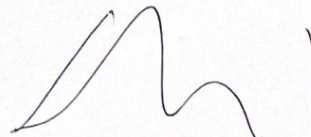
In the year of 2015, the Municipality of Malita has been the seat of government after the creation of the Province of Davao Occidental. Opportunities were widely opened in such residents from the upland barangays eagerly returned to their respective barangays and observably, made an increased its population and become one of the highest number of inhabitants among all barangays in the municipality. The cumulated number of population, with the high barangay net income and the wide land areas are indicators that a new municipality can be created composing Barangay Demoloc, Barangay Datu Danwata, Barangay Macol, Barangay Pinalpalan, Barangay Kilalag, Barangay Pangaleon and Barangay Manuel Peralta. The proposed new municipality will be seated at Barangay Demoloc, Sitio Sentro named as Municipality of Tagakaulo. The proposed municipality of Tagakaulo is named after the aborigines of seven (7) component barangays who are mostly belong to Tagakaulo tribe. Even if the government projects and plans will be implemented at the newly created municipality the programs of the government are anchored to the preservation of tradition and culture of the tribes.

Based from the 2020 Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Davao Occidental, the component barangays for the proposed newly created Municipality of Tagakaulo has reached its totaled population of Twenty Five Thousand Nineteen (25,019) persons. The local generating income of the seven (7) component barangays for the newly created Municipality of Tagakaulo has a total local earnings including Barangay IRAs of Thirty One Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six and Eighty Five (Php 31,510,696.85) pesos and the total land area of Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five (26, 7000.95 ha.) hectares as such given figures, the proposed new municipality has attained the requirements for creation.

Given its own Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA), the new LGU may plan on its own to sustaining land utilization for planning on the development of infrastructure and addresses essential municipal services and responsibilities in support to local growth priorities. The creation of this municipality shall uphold about growth with decentralized government and empowered administration with well-equipped human technical and mechanical resources to operate on a daily operations and management to support Sangguniang Bayan decisions regarding on the progress and development of the municipality. Moreover, these forces of manpower will deliver accurate and reliable information that provide good services to all residents with perseverance and consistency. Local residents will also be encouraged to invest businesses that help boosts local funds to support the plants and projects of the municipality.

The creation of the Municipality of Tagakaulo consisting seven barangays cannot anymore be delayed because such creation will greatly uplift the capacity of the local government to address the increasing needs and demands of its constituents, investors and other visitors amid ever changing economic and political landscape It is high time that its local officials be given more powers to enable the Local Government Unit to render more efficient and commendable handling in taking care of its constituents. With the associated benefits and opportunities necessarily connected with a municipality. Municipality of Tagakaulo will be able to progress and generate more income, thereby bringing it closer to the ultimate goal of urbanization benefitting the people living the locality, the Province of Davao Occidental and the entire Philippines.

Hence, the approval and support of this bill is honestly sought.



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**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGAKAULO FROM
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO
OCCIDENTAL**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representative of the
Philippines in Congress Assembled:*

SECTION 1. **Creation.**— There is hereby created a new municipality in the Province of Davao Occidental to be known as the Municipality of Tagakaulo from Municipality of Malita.

SECTION 2. **Seat of Government.** - The seat of government of the new municipality shall be in Sitio Sentro, Barangay Demolok.

SECTION 3. **Territorial Boundaries.**— The Municipality of Demolok shall be composed of the following barangays; Datu Danwata, Demolok, Pinalpalan, Macol, Pangaleon, Kilalag, and Manuel Peralta all in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, and is particularly described as follows:

On the course of 1-2, traversing boundary line of Barangay Manuel Peralta bounded by Barangay Little Baguio on the north-east;

On the course of 2-4 is traversing boundary line of Barangay Manuel Peralta bounded by Municipality of Malungon, following the

course of 4-6 along boundary line of Barangay Datu Danwata bounded by Municipality of Malungon on the west; Course 6-7 following boundary line of Barangay Demolok bounded by Municipality of Malungon in the west; While, course 7-9 traversing the boundary line of Barangay Demolok bounded by Barangay San Juan and Barangay San Pedro all of the Municipality of Sta. Maria in the north;

On the course of 9-12 traversing the boundary line of Barangay Pinalpalan of which bounded by Barangay San Pedro, Barangay Kinilidan, Barangay Datu Daligasao, and Barangay Buca all of the Municipality of Sta. Maria in the north;

On the course 12-14 along boundary line of Barangay Pinalpalan wherein bounded by Barangay Pangian in the East; The course 14-28 traversing the boundary line of Barangay Pinalpalan, Barangay Kilalag, Barangay Macol, and Barangay Pangaleon bounded by Barangay Sanghay in East;

On the course of corners 40-52, and, then to corner 1 traversing the boundary line of Barangays Pinalpalan, Kilalag, and Macol is bounded by Barangay Sangay in the east.

On the course of 28-29 traversing boundary line of Barangay Pangaleon bounded by Barangay Tical in the east;

And, on the course of 29-34-1 that traversing the boundary line of Barangay Pangaleon and Barangay Manuel Peralta bounded by Barangay Kinangan and Barangay Lagumit in the East.

Metes and bounds of the proposed Municipality of Tagakaulo;

Beginning at the point reference of BLLM 32, Pb-11-0047, Municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (m)
1-2	N 41° 35 ' 54" E	6,208.73
2-3	N 56° 43 ' 01" W	4,958.31
3-4	N 59° 57 ' 59" W	1,870.10
4-5	N 59° 40 ' 37" W	6,884.90

5-6	N 7° 40' 33" E	4,903.94
6-7	N 3° 48' 01" W	6,412.10
7-8	N 51° 09' 36" E	4,467.84
8-9	N 51° 10' 37" E	1,590.32
9-10	N 47° 51' 31" E	2,098.48
10-11	N 47° 51' 30" E	2,481.50
11-12	S 76° 13' 06" E	600.28
12-13	S 44° 45' 48" E	3,422.43
13-14	S 44° 04' 05" E	1,652.02
14-15	S 28° 27' 40" W	1,040.79
15-16	S 28° 28' 13" W	1,076.14
16-17	S 65° 55' 48" W	1,243.09
17-18	S 12° 41' 31" W	837.46
18-19	S 17° 44' 41" E	918.71
19-20	S 52° 50' 22" E	1,301.22
20-21	S 75° 02' 57" E	759.72
21-22	S 76° 46' 08" E	690.32
22-23	S 53° 02' 20" E	753.40
23-24	S 71° 20' 54" E	1,897.81
24-25	S 13° 37' 47" E	649.28
25-26	S 3° 02' 36" E	791.12
26-27	S 4° 23' 20" E	444.30
27-28	S 62° 15' 38" E	981.84
28-29	S 0° 52' 40" E	979.11
29-30	S 8° 18' 06" E	803.42
30-31	N 8° 16' 19" E	1,313.67
31-32	N 2° 14' 06" W	1,897.44
32-33	N 24° 22' 16" E	1,366.79
33-34	N 15° 54' 32" W	1,076.22
34-1	N 15° 52' 52" W	1,589.67

The foregoing Provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the appropriate agency of forum of any boundary dispute or case involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the Municipality of Tagakaulo and the adjoining local government units (LGUs): Provided, that the territorial jurisdiction of the disputed area or areas shall remain with the LGU which has existing administrative supervision over said areas until the final resolution of the case.

SECTION 4. Plebiscite.— The Municipality of Tagakaulo shall acquire corporate existence upon the ratification of its creation by a

majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the barangay pursuant to Section 3 hereof and in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act.

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite.

SECTION 5. Officials of the Municipality of Tagakaulo. – Upon ratification of its creation by majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite, the mayor, the vice mayor, and the members of the sangguniang bayan shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, in a consultation with the representative of the congressional district and the provincial governor, and shall serve until the new set of officials shall have been elected and qualified in the next election following the approval of this Act.

SECTION 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. – During the first year of acquisition of its corporate existence, the Municipality of Demolok shall receive from the Department of Budget and Management the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of barangays as provided in Section 3 hereof. Thereafter, the Municipality of Tagakaulo and all the barangays comprising shall be entitled to IRA shares pursuant to the provision of Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SECTION 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.—All laws, executive orders, rules and regulation which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED