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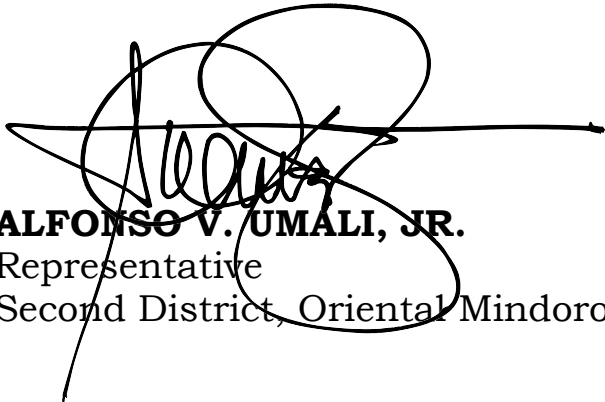
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The island province of Oriental Mindoro is home to almost a million Filipinos, of which hundreds of thousands are transacting with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). Moreover, with Puerto Galera being one of the most sought for destinations especially for foreign tourists, this adds up to those transacting with the DFA.

For the longest time, the entire province merely relies on the “passport on wheels” which are conducted usually once a year and with limited slots available for passporting transactions. Most of our people take the more expensive option which is to travel to Manila, or Lucena City in Quezon, just to be able to access the consular services of the DFA.

Therefore, it is only prudent and proper, to finally establish a regular Department of Foreign Affairs Consular Office in the province of Oriental Mindoro to provide consular services not only in the province of Oriental Mindoro but also to other nearby island provinces of Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon. This will definitely save time, efforts, and resources of hundreds of thousands of our people in the region.

In view of the foregoing premises, the immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSULAR OFFICE
IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as
**“Establishment of Department of Foreign Affairs Consular
Office in the Province of Oriental Mindoro Act.”**

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared as policy
of the State to promote social justice and equal access to
opportunities and government services.

**Section 3. *Establishment of a Department of Foreign Affairs
Consular Office.*** -There is hereby established a regular
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Consular Office in the province
of Oriental Mindoro.

Section 4. *Functions of the DFA Consular Office.* - The DFA
Consular Office in the Province of Oriental Mindoro shall perform
functions, and provide such services available, similar to the
existing regular consular offices of the Department of Foreign
Affairs.

Section 5. Appropriations. -The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 6. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions, not affected thereby, shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,