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HOUSE BILL NO. 1672

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The coast of Barangay Labnig, in the Municipality of Corcuera, offers a breath-taking panoramic view of a rock formation shaped like an elephant.

This rock formation, which was formed during numerous volcanic eruptions, is amply called the Siki it Elepante Rock Formation.

To date, the Siki it Elepante Rock Formation is one of the most visited tourism sites in the Municipality of Corcuera. However, notwithstanding its popularity, with appropriate promotions and advertisements, it is believed that the natural beauty of the rock formation would be able to attract twice as many tourists.

Conversely, being an emerging tourist destination, if tapped, the rock formation could generate revenue for local businesses, create jobs, and improve the basic services of the community.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Madrona", written above the printed name.

REP. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE SIKI IT ELEPANTE ROCK FORMATION, LOCATED IN THE
COAST OF BARANGAY LABNIG, MUNICIPALITY OF CORCUERA, PROVINCE OF
ROMBLON, A TOURISM SITE

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

SECTION 1. The Siki It Elepante Rock Formation, located in the coast of Barangay Labnig, Municipality of Corcuera, Province of Romblon, is hereby declared a tourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided, That* said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and

resources of the area: *Provided further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Corcuera.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Corcuera in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Siki It Elepante Rock Formation in all its regional and national promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipal Government of Corcuera.

The DOT through the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), if necessary, may include such allocation in the TIEZA's program.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,