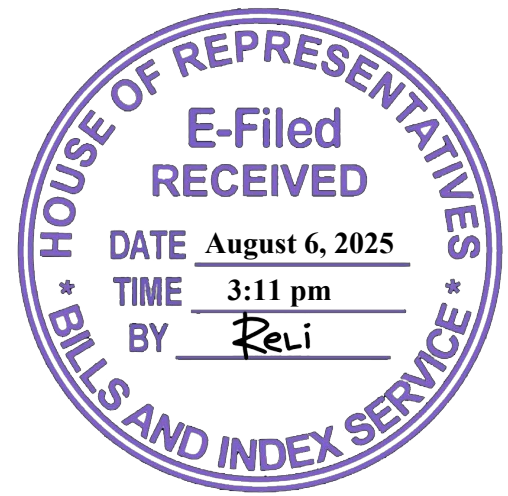




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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3257**



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**Introduced by Representative KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article II Section 16 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In pursuit of this constitutional mandate, the Republic Act 7586, known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, subsequently amended by RA 11038, titled the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act of 2018, was enacted. The law empowers the government to designate certain areas as protected areas, regulate human activities within these areas, and implement conservation and management programs in recognition of the substantial impact of human activities on various environmental facets. Factors such as population growth, resource utilization, and industrial development highlight the imperative to protect and preserve natural ecosystems, particularly in regions with unique biophysical characteristics crucial to the well-being and progress of human, plant, and animal life. The goal is to ensure the preservation of unique ecosystems, species, and landscapes for the benefit of current and future generations.

This bill seeks to include the Northern Luzon Heroes Hill National Park (NLHHNP) in the province of Ilocos Sur, under the NIPAS. Established through the Presidential Proclamation No. 132, s. 1963, the 3,099-hectare NLHHNP encompasses unique terrestrial ecosystems dominated by native and endemic deciduous plant species, hosting a significant biodiversity of wildlife. Additionally, the watershed plays a crucial role in sustaining the daily lives and livelihoods of local communities, serving as their primary water source. These only highlight the ecological importance NLHHNP holds. Furthermore, the limestone forests within the area bear witness to the heroic deeds of prominent figures such as Gabriela Silang and Diego Silang, along with their army.

These considerations underscore the significance of putting NLHHNP under NIPAS. This bill will establish a policy framework for the institutionalized conservation and protection

of NLHHNP, ensuring its ecological and historical significance is upheld through proficient and effective management in accordance with RA 11038.

In view hereof, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN**



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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING AND DESIGNATING NORTHERN LUZON HEROES HILL NATIONAL PARK, SITUATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NARVACAN AND SANTA IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL MONUMENT PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE NORTHERN LUZON HEROES HILL NATURAL MONUMENT, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**ARTICLE I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1           **SECTION 1. *Short Title.***—This Act shall be known as the “Northern Luzon Heroes Hill  
2 Natural Monument (NLHHNM) Act.”  
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4           **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.***—Recognizing the profound impact of human activities  
5 on various components of the natural environment, especially the consequences arising from  
6 population growth, resource exploitation, and industrial advancement, and acknowledging the  
7 critical importance of safeguarding and preserving the natural, biological, and physical  
8 diversities of the environment, particularly in areas characterized by unique features essential  
9 for sustaining human life and development, as well as the well-being of plant and animal life,  
10 it is hereby declared as the policy of the State to ensure, for the benefit of the Filipino people,  
11 both present and future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals  
12 through the establishment of protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas  
13 System (NIPAS).  
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15           In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, encompassing both flora and  
16 fauna, native and distinct to Narvacan and Santa, as well as their ecological and historical  
17 importance, a parcel of land straddling the borders of Narvacan and Santa in the Province of

1 Ilocos Sur, covering the Northern Luzon Heroes Hill National Park, is hereby declared a  
2 protected area with the designation of a natural monument, and henceforth shall be referred to  
3 as the Northern Luzon Heroes Hill Natural Monument (NLHNM). As such, the State assumes  
4 the responsibility for ensuring the conservation, protection, and management of the said area.  
5 Furthermore, it is acknowledged that effective administration of this area is achievable only  
6 through collaborative efforts involving the national government, local government units  
7 (LGUs), concerned non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private entities, and local  
8 communities. The utilization and enjoyment of this area must be in conformity with the  
9 principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

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11 Towards this end, the State shall ensure the comprehensive implementation of this Act,  
12 the mobilization of resources to support the institutional mechanisms herein established, and  
13 the provision of complete scientific and technical support necessary for the conservation of  
14 biodiversity and the preservation of the integrity of ecosystems, culture, and indigenous  
15 practices.

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17 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** —As used in this Act:

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19 (a) *Biological diversity or biodiversity* refers to the variability among living organisms  
20 from all sources including, *inter alia*, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic  
21 ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes  
22 diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems;  
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24 (b) *Buffer zones* refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and immediately  
25 adjacent to protected areas that need special development control in order to avoid  
26 or minimize harm to the protected area;  
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28 (c) *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable utilization of  
29 wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats;  
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31 (d) *Indigenous Cultural Community (ICC)/Indigenous People (IP)* refers to a group of  
32 people sharing common bonds of language, customs traditions, and other distinctive  
33 cultural traits, and who have, since time immemorial occupied, possessed and  
34 utilized a territory;  
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36 (e) *National park* refers to land of the public domain classified as such in the  
37 Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS, primarily designated for the  
38 conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural  
39 diversity;  
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41 (f) *Natural monument* refers to a relatively small area focused on the protection of  
42 small features to protect or preserve nationally significant natural features on  
43 account of their special interest or unique characteristics;  
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45 (g) *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason  
46 of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological  
47 diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation;  
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49 (h) *Tenured migrants* refer to protected area occupants who have been actually,  
50 continuously and presently occupying a portion of the protected area for five (5)

1 years before the proclamation or law establishing the same as a protected area, and  
2 are solely dependent therein for subsistence.

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4 **SEC. 4. Classification as a National Park.** —All lands of the public domain within the  
5 coverage and scope of NLHHNM shall fall under the classification of national park as provided  
6 for in Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution. Further, alienable and disposable lands covered  
7 by the protected area shall retain its original classification, subject to the provisions of Section  
8 22 of RA 11038.

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10 **SEC. 5. Scope and Coverage.** —The boundaries of NLHHNM is more particularly described  
11 as the area beginning at a point marked “1” on the Map, being N 52-26-44 W, 1171.271 meters  
12 from PRS92 Control Monument “ILS-3020” with geographic coordinates 17° 28’ 59.54576”  
13 Latitude, 120° 29’ 42.32782” Longitude located at barangay Ambulogan, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur,  
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thence	N 86-39-46 W	59.022	meters to corner	2;
thence	N 3-1-49 W	45.244	meters to corner	3;
thence	S 82-5-56 W	145.789	meters to corner	4;
thence	N 69-34-29 W	111.309	meters to corner	5;
thence	N 85-52-15 W	412.199	meters to corner	6;
thence	S 9-20-3 W	179.605	meters to corner	7;
thence	S 17-13-9 W	440.944	meters to corner	8;
thence	S 25-43-58 E	89.426	meters to corner	9;
thence	S 47-3-33 W	228.528	meters to corner	10;
thence	S 16-30-26 E	207.86	meters to corner	11;
thence	S 25-11-16 W	296.382	meters to corner	12;
thence	S 13-58-21 W	492.608	meters to corner	13;
thence	S 29-54-2 W	254.042	meters to corner	14;
thence	S 75-42-39 W	80.241	meters to corner	15;
thence	N 0-35-57 W	268.865	meters to corner	16;
thence	N 12-39-50 E	287.529	meters to corner	17;
thence	N 50-44-48 W	464.797	meters to corner	18;
thence	N 5-49-20 E	232.342	meters to corner	19;
thence	N 31-50-0 W	291.061	meters to corner	20;
thence	N 33-44-13 W	402.251	meters to corner	21;
thence	N 6-34-51 E	127.939	meters to corner	22;
thence	N 21-48-4 W	301.248	meters to corner	23;
thence	N 87-36-35 W	134.115	meters to corner	24;
thence	S 63-52-55 W	269.131	meters to corner	25;
thence	N 63-20-2 W	292.351	meters to corner	26;
thence	S 20-22-39 E	404.677	meters to corner	27;
thence	S 9-35-13 W	389.952	meters to corner	28;
thence	S 3-37-56 E	302.27	meters to corner	29;
thence	S 57-3-30 W	306.401	meters to corner	30;

thence	S 28-20-30 E	326.369	meters to corner	31;
thence	S 16-57-50 W	228.543	meters to corner	32;
thence	S 73-49-4 W	260.446	meters to corner	33;
thence	S 13-10-18 E	284.685	meters to corner	34;
thence	S 36-1-14 W	412.194	meters to corner	35;
thence	S 56-7-3 E	220.679	meters to corner	36;
thence	S 81-12-30 E	263.398	meters to corner	37;
thence	S 14-54-14 E	465.195	meters to corner	38;
thence	S 59-22-35 W	177.778	meters to corner	39;
thence	S 16-6-52 W	95.609	meters to corner	40;
thence	N 75-49-53 W	237.06	meters to corner	41;
thence	S 66-13-23 W	200.21	meters to corner	42;
thence	N 77-53-1 W	199.8	meters to corner	43;
thence	S 36-16-16 W	134.931	meters to corner	44;
thence	S 4-34-50 W	343.226	meters to corner	45;
thence	N 68-45-2 W	236.951	meters to corner	46;
thence	S 1-39-48 W	224.703	meters to corner	47;
thence	N 86-18-14 W	112.34	meters to corner	48;
thence	S 86-13-17 W	162.166	meters to corner	49;
thence	S 56-30-15 W	340.443	meters to corner	50;
thence	S 1-37-31 W	309.073	meters to corner	51;
thence	S 82-2-9 W	58.867	meters to corner	52;
thence	N 64-32-22 W	122.872	meters to corner	53;
thence	S 81-38-24 W	965.498	meters to corner	54;
thence	N 54-20-41 W	130.139	meters to corner	55;
thence	N 64-2-1 W	160.913	meters to corner	56;
thence	N 4-25-6 W	266.47	meters to corner	57;
thence	S 81-56-54 E	57.768	meters to corner	58;
thence	N 17-41-47 E	306.221	meters to corner	59;
thence	N 14-43-6 E	117.68	meters to corner	60;
thence	N 45-30-33 W	93.049	meters to corner	61;
thence	N 8-16-1 E	85.548	meters to corner	62;
thence	N 23-56-54 W	196.236	meters to corner	63;
thence	N 26-33-42 E	302.013	meters to corner	64;
thence	N 83-44-58 W	69.097	meters to corner	65;
thence	N 15-40-14 E	219.024	meters to corner	66;
thence	N 3-11-24 W	175.593	meters to corner	67;
thence	N 70-1-45 E	102.394	meters to corner	68;
thence	N 22-51-28 W	350.629	meters to corner	69;
thence	N 15-19-5 W	94.322	meters to corner	70;
thence	N 5-56-50 E	100.983	meters to corner	71;

thence	N 81-10-5 E	208.706	meters to corner	72;
thence	N 19-0-8 E	79.882	meters to corner	73;
thence	N 64-27-14 W	75.4	meters to corner	74;
thence	N 74-43-9 W	36.565	meters to corner	75;
thence	N 19-12-15 E	279.871	meters to corner	76;
thence	S 50-42-35 E	88.821	meters to corner	77;
thence	N 67-5-10 E	102.15	meters to corner	78;
thence	N 49-20-14 E	60.05	meters to corner	79;
thence	N 26-59-53 W	128.731	meters to corner	80;
thence	N 88-51-54 E	46.724	meters to corner	81;
thence	N 75-49-48 E	59.635	meters to corner	82;
thence	N 13-19-31 E	124.599	meters to corner	83;
thence	N 14-10-12 W	119.269	meters to corner	84;
thence	N 51-7-17 E	211.354	meters to corner	85;
thence	N 7-15-13 E	234.075	meters to corner	86;
thence	N 4-49-37 W	136.904	meters to corner	87;
thence	S 82-59-54 E	200.192	meters to corner	88;
thence	N 29-39-3 W	273.681	meters to corner	89;
thence	N 75-44-2 W	23.073	meters to corner	90;
thence	N 21-12-5 E	117.978	meters to corner	91;
thence	S 86-20-35 E	309.694	meters to corner	92;
thence	N 34-58-19 W	302.731	meters to corner	93;
thence	N 73-54-37 E	449.088	meters to corner	94;
thence	N 51-46-33 W	381.025	meters to corner	95;
thence	N 50-25-39 E	457.672	meters to corner	96;
thence	N 4-36-21 E	797.657	meters to corner	97;
thence	N 4-36-21 E	535.157	meters to corner	98;
thence	N 27-9-56 W	82.692	meters to corner	99;
thence	N 4-52-51 E	397.614	meters to corner	100;
thence	N 39-32-31 E	24.929	meters to corner	101;
thence	S 72-9-8 E	65.903	meters to corner	102;
thence	N 8-54-18 W	81.828	meters to corner	103;
thence	N 39-32-29 E	288.671	meters to corner	104;
thence	N 4-49-6 E	254.005	meters to corner	105;
thence	N 23-24-48 E	562.416	meters to corner	106;
thence	N 40-13-48 W	166.108	meters to corner	107;
thence	N 26-54-39 E	811.388	meters to corner	108;
thence	N 43-8-57 W	280.835	meters to corner	109;
thence	N 18-21-49 E	615.091	meters to corner	110;
thence	N 6-28-37 W	204.604	meters to corner	111;
thence	N 7-32-22 E	1018.917	meters to corner	112;

thence	N 11-18-31 E	603.392	meters to corner	113;
thence	N 51-1-11 E	174.672	meters to corner	114;
thence	N 26-11-56 E	651.711	meters to corner	115;
thence	N 36-55-32 E	67.689	meters to corner	116;
thence	S 70-7-54 E	472.636	meters to corner	117;
thence	S 65-54-42 E	123.418	meters to corner	118;
thence	S 71-53-43 E	289.782	meters to corner	119;
thence	S 70-49-50 E	442.028	meters to corner	120;
thence	S 62-0-25 E	265.522	meters to corner	121;
thence	S 71-12-36 E	377.136	meters to corner	122;
thence	S 50-3-41 E	279.406	meters to corner	123;
thence	S 19-51-0 E	207.259	meters to corner	124;
thence	S 16-13-39 W	4935.506	meters to corner	125;
thence	S 16-2-8 W	487.499	meters to corner	126;
thence	S 80-26-46 E	830.767	meters to corner	127;
thence	S 20-59-36 E	163.032	meters to corner	128;
thence	S 40-33-59 E	410.795	meters to corner	129;
thence	S 74-13-52 E	315.643	meters to corner	130;
thence	N 7-8-41 E	126.088	meters to corner	131;
thence	N 31-36-11 E	245.693	meters to corner	132;
thence	N 2-51-27 E	84.847	meters to corner	133;
thence	S 80-26-45 E	2133.918	meters to corner	134;
thence	S 18-11-13 W	287.532	meters to corner	135;
thence	S 29-53-0 W	163.536	meters to corner	136;
thence	N 32-47-45 W	191.344	meters to corner	137;
thence	S 44-56-57 W	221.227	meters to corner	138;
thence	N 79-0-28 W	198.963	meters to corner	139;
thence	N 77-2-59 W	285.82	meters to corner	140;
thence	S 67-19-56 W	319.243	meters to corner	141;
thence	S 63-47-52 W	53.2	meters to corner	142;
thence	S 61-0-41 W	309.029	meters to corner	143;
thence	S 2-22-37 W	202.872	meters to corner	1,

1 the point of beginning containing an area of three thousand and ninety-nine (3,099) hectares,  
2 more or less. Bearings and distance of lines were derived using PRS92, Philippine Zone III  
3 coordinate system, subject to actual ground demarcation.

4 **SEC. 6. Establishment of Buffer Zones.**—The Secretary of the Department of  
5 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the Protected Area  
6 Management Board (PAMB) created under Section 7 of this Act, may designate areas  
7 surrounding the NLHHNM as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra layer of  
8 protection where restrictions may be applied. *Provided, That, in cases where the designated*

1 buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their  
2 development with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

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4 **ARTICLE II**  
5 **MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**  
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7 **SEC. 7. Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).**—Within ninety (90) days from  
8 the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall be created to  
9 oversee the management of the NLHHNM. The PAMB shall be composed of the following:  
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- 11 (a) The DENR Regional Executive Director for Region 1, as Chairperson;
- 12 (b) The Governor of the Province of Ilocos Sur, or his/her duly designated  
13 representative;
- 14 (c) Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are duly registered residents of  
15 Ilocos Sur, or their duly designated representatives, unless the Senators decline the  
16 membership in the PAMB;
- 17 (d) The Representative of the Congressional District of Ilocos Sur where NLHHNM is  
18 located, or his/her duly designated representative, unless the District Representative  
19 declines the membership in the PAMB;
- 20 (e) The Mayors of the municipalities of Narvacan and Santa, or their respective duly  
21 designated representative;
- 22 (f) The Punong Barangay of each barangay with territorial jurisdiction over  
23 NLHHNM;
- 24 (g) The Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Executive Director for Region 1, or  
25 his/her designated official representative;
- 26 (h) The Regional Director, or a designated official representative, of the following  
27 government agencies for Region 1, namely: the Department of National Defense -  
28 Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD), the National Economic Development  
29 Authority (NEDA), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Department of  
30 Science and Technology (DOST);
- 31 (i) Three (3) representatives from either non-government organizations (NGO) or  
32 People's Organizations (PO), duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial  
33 government. The NGO or PO represented should have been in existence for at least  
34 five (5) years and with track record in or related to protected area management;
- 35 (j) At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the ICCs/IPs  
36 present in the area and recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous  
37 Peoples (NCIP);
- 38 (k) One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a university or  
39 college in the Province of Ilocos Sur, with a record of accomplishment in or related  
40 to protected area management and biodiversity conservation; and
- 41 (l) One (1) private sector representative each from both municipalities of Narvacan and  
42 Santa, preferably a resident of each municipality, who is distinguished in a  
43 profession or field of interest relevant to NLHHNM management.

44 The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for their removal  
45 shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No 7586, otherwise known as the  
46 "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992", as amended by Republic Act No.  
47 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of  
48 2018".  
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1           **SEC. 8. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.**—The NLHHNM PAMB shall have the  
2 following powers and functions:

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4           (a) Oversee the management of the NLHHNM;  
5           (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other related  
6           documents for the management of the NLHHNM;  
7           (c) Approve the management plan of NLHHNM and ensure its harmonization and  
8           integration with the Ancestral Domains Sustainable Development and Protection  
9           Plan (ADSDPP), land use plan and other development plans, public or private, and  
10          its implementation;  
11          (d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct of  
12          business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of reference;  
13          (e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the  
14          enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management of  
15          NLHHNM;  
16          (f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan, and  
17          manage NLHHNM Protected Area Retention Income Account (PARIA) and other  
18          funds in accordance with the accounting and budgeting rules and regulations;  
19          (g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;  
20          (h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and  
21          effective means;  
22          (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government  
23          authorities;  
24          (j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)  
25          and other NLHHNM personnel and compliance of partners with the terms and  
26          conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement;  
27          (k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the designation or  
28          appointment of the PASu; and  
29          (l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of NLHHNM: *Provided*, That the  
30          members of the management board representing the LGUs and national agencies in  
31          the PAMB shall inform their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB  
32          approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and projects and  
33          shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and its implementing rules and  
34          regulations are complied with, and used as reference and framework in their  
35          respective plans, policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the  
36          foregoing shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such member according  
37          to administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may  
38          provide; *Provided, further*, That the DENR, through the Regional Executive  
39          Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and  
40          functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the  
41          existing administrative orders or national application, the latter shall prevail.

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43           **SEC. 9. The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).**—There is hereby  
44 established a PAMO to be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) with a  
45 permanent plantilla position who shall supervise the day to day management, protection and  
46 administration of NLHHNM. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla  
47 positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR to assist the PASu in the management of  
48 the protected area.  
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1 The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for the  
2 management and operations of the NLHHNM. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall have the  
3 following duties and responsibilities:  
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- 5 (a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders, including the  
6 annual work and financial plan and ensure its implementation;
- 7 (b) Ensure the integration of the protected area management plans, programs, projects,  
8 and policies with relevant national and LGUs' plans and programs;
- 9 (c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the  
10 availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;
- 11 (d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules, regulations, and  
12 programs;
- 13 (e) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which shall be an  
14 important basis for decision-making;
- 15 (f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the protected area, commence  
16 and institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other  
17 government agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of offenses  
18 committed in violation of the provisions of this Act;
- 19 (g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities of  
20 NLHHNM;
- 21 (h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any  
22 agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic institutions,  
23 NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the effective management,  
24 protection and administration of NLHHNM;
- 25 (i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management plan and  
26 other permitted activities in accordance with the terms, conditions, and criteria  
27 established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for extraction of natural  
28 resources, including collection of wildlife, and its by-products or derivatives for  
29 research purposes, shall continue to be issued by relevant authorities, subject to  
30 prior clearance from the PAMB, through the PASu, in accordance with the specific  
31 acts to be covered;
- 32 (j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for the  
33 protected area: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other income  
34 collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and the DENR in  
35 accordance with existing guidelines;
- 36 (k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and financial  
37 plans of NLHHNM based on the management plan; and,
- 38 (l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.  
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40 The PAMO may be augmented by the deputized local environment and natural  
41 resources officers upon the recommendation of the PAMB and approval of the DENR.  
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### 43 **ARTICLE III** 44 **PROCEEDS AND FEES** 45

46 **SEC. 10. *The Northern Luzon Heroes Hill Natural Monument Integrated Protected***  
47 ***Area Fund.*** — There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Northern Luzon  
48 Heroes Hill Natural Monument Integrated Protected Area Fund (NLHHNM-IPAF) for  
49 purposes of financing projects of the NLHHNM and the NIPAS. All income generated from  
50 the operation of the system or management of wild flora and fauna in the NLHHNM shall

1 accrue to NLHHNM-IPAF. The income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists,  
2 permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other allowable use of resources from the  
3 protected area, proceeds from Special Use in Protected Area (SAPA) in multiple-use zone for  
4 tourism concessions, communication and transmission facilities, power generation projects,  
5 large scale agriculture and aquaculture enterprise and other contributions from industries and  
6 facilities directly benefiting from the protected area, and other fees and income derived from  
7 the operation of NLHHNM.

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9 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised through the  
10 above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area Retained Income Account (PA-  
11 RIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the locality: *Provided*, That  
12 disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the protection, maintenance,  
13 administration, and management of NLHHNM and implementation of duly approved projects  
14 of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a  
15 special account in the general fund in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the  
16 programs and projects of the NIPAS.

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18 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various sources,  
19 domestic or foreign for purposes related to their functions. *Provided*, That the fund shall be  
20 deposited as a special account in the national treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be  
21 made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the  
22 NLHHNM, and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing  
23 accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That no amount shall be  
24 disbursed for the operating expenses of the Department and other concerned agencies.

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26 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated herein  
27 which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property tax and rentals of  
28 LGUs' facilities.

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30 **ARTICLE IV**  
31 **TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**  
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33 **SEC. 11. Appropriations.**—The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately include in  
34 the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be  
35 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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37 **SEC. 12. Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.** —The provisions of Republic Act  
38 No. 7586, as amended by the Republic Act No. 11038, shall have suppletory application to this  
39 Act.

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41 **SEC. 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** —Within ninety (90) days from the  
42 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the local  
43 governments of both of the municipalities of Narvacan and Santa, the Provincial Government  
44 of Ilocos Sur, and concerned national government agencies, issue the corresponding rules and  
45 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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47 **SEC. 14. Separability Clause.** —If any section or provision of this Act is held  
48 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall  
49 continue to be in full force and effect.  
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1           **SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.*** —All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, executive  
2 orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are  
3 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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5           **SEC. 16. *Effectivity.*** —This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
6 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8           Approved,