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AN ACT

DECLARING TUGONAN WATERFALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN LORENZO, MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Tugonan Waterfalls, located in Barangay San Lorenzo,
2 Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of ecotourism sites.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
7 Government of Prosperidad shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government,

1 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation,
2 and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism
3 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
4 conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That
5 the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of
6 the Municipal Government of Prosperidad.

7 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Prosperidad in the
8 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
9 tourism capacity building. It shall also include Tugonan Waterfalls in its national and
10 regional promotion programs.

11 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
12 annual budget of the Municipal Government of Prosperidad. The DOT may augment
13 such allocation with internally generated funds.

14 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
15 Government of Prosperidad shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned
16 agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement
17 this Act.

18 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid,
19 the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

20 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
21 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
22 amended accordingly.

23 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
24 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,