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AN ACT
RENAMING THE SANGA-SANGA AIRPORT IN BONGAO, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI AS THE TAWI-TAWI AIRPORT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tawi-Tawi, known as the “Cradle of Islam” in the country, is one of the five provinces which comprise the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). It includes 11 island municipalities, most of which are located in the Sulu Archipelago.

Much of these islands are abundant in fish and marine resources, and because of its rich coastal communities, the province has long been considered as the seaweed capital of the Philippines, and the carrageenan capital of the world, one of the world’s foremost food and industrial additives.

In order to showcase the treasures and beauty of the island province, its rich aquatic resources, and beautiful historical sites, it is only fitting that the Sanga-Sanga airport in the Municipality of Bongao be renamed as the Tawi-Tawi Airport.

The said provincial airport is classified by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) as a class two principal (minor domestic) airport and is considered as the world’s gateway into the province.

Not only is the use of “Tawi-Tawi” practical, given its widespread use and awareness globally, but it also provides its people with a sense of pride in the rich history of their land, home, and people.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

Bangsamoro Transition Authority
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Section 1. The Sanga-Sanga Airport located in Bongao, Province of Tawi-Tawi is hereby renamed as the Tawi-Tawi Airport.

Section 2. The Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MOTC) shall place appropriate markers in the airport and its facilities, officially publish the renaming in all newspapers of general circulation, and shall issue the necessary orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

The expenses for the placement of appropriate markers and publication shall be borne by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication.

Section 3. The Ministry of Transportation and Communication shall cause the distribution of the official publication to all national offices and agencies, and to all regional ministries, its subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities, as well as to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), as reference.

All ministries, subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Bangsamoro Government are hereby directed to refer and employ the new name of the airport in all communications, messages, and public documents, and to make known such new name with the general public.

Section 4. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the MOTC in the annual Bangsamoro General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA for BARMM.

Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the MOTC, in close coordination with the Provincial Government of Tawi-Tawi, shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

Adopted,

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