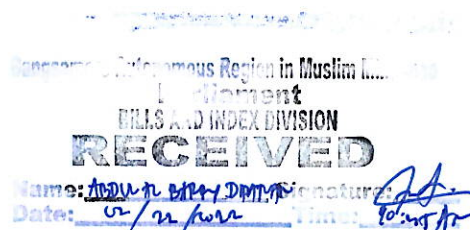


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37 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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40 The Bangsamoro is a nation with rich culture and vibrant history, contributing to
41 the broad spectrum of interest in preserving, protecting, and promoting various sites
42 located in the Bangsamoro Region.

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44 This is in line with the provisions of the 1987 Constitution that provides that the
45 State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino
46 culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and

47 intellectual expression. It also mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote and
48 popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic
49 creations. It further provides that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes
50 the nation's cultural treasure and shall be under the protection of the State, which may
51 regulate its disposition.

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53 Consequently, Section 24, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law mandates
54 the Bangsamoro Government to preserve the history, culture, art traditions, and the rich
55 cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro people and their Sultanates, such as those of Sulu,
56 Maguindanao, Kabuntalan, Buayan, the Royal House of Ranao and of the Iranum, and
57 the non-Moro indigenous peoples of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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59 The Sultanate of Sulu was founded by Sultan Sharieful Hashim, who introduced
60 Islamic political institutions and made Islam as the state religion. Thus, it is only
61 befitting that we take steps to promote his invaluable contribution to our political
62 consciousness and aspiration, by preserving, conserving and developing his tomb to
63 serve as a constant reminder of our origin and illustrious past.

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65 Furthermore, it will enhance and promote Tausug Culture and will contribute to
66 the prestige of Sulu as the cradle of Bangsamoro government.

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68 To be declared as a historical heritage site and an ecotourism destination, the
69 Bangsamoro people will have the chance to experience heritage tourism that includes
70 authentically representing the stories and people of the past, particularly the rich culture
71 of the Province of Sulu and its people.

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73 Hence, this proposal is an Act Declaring the Tomb of Sultan Sharieful Hashim
74 as a historical heritage site and ecotourism destination.

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76 I, therefore, humbly request my esteemed colleagues to help me pass this bill.

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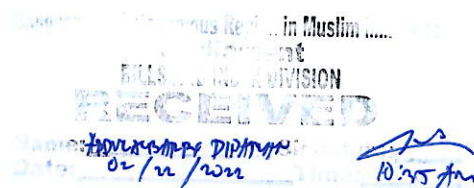
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129 Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament assembled:

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131 **Section 1.** The "TOMB OF SULTAN SHARIEFUL HASHIM" located in Barangay
132 Buansa, Municipality of Indanan, Province of Sulu, is hereby declared as a historical heritage
133 site and an ecotourism destination. As such, its preservation and development shall be jointly
134 prioritized by the Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism (MTIT) and the Bangsamoro
135 Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH).
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137 **Section 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the MTIT, in
138 coordination with the BCPCH, the Provincial Tourism Office of the Province of Sulu and the
139 Municipal Tourism Office of the Municipality of Indanan and other concerned agencies of

140 government, shall prepare a historical heritage site conservation, development, and promotion
141 plan, and an ecotourism development plan containing, among others, the rehabilitation,
142 construction, installation, beautification, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
143 infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area and promote the Tausug Culture; Provided,
144 that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty, cultural and
145 historical significance of the site.

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147 **Section 3.** The MTIT and the BCPCH, in coordination with the Ministry of Public
148 Works (MPW), the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), the
149 Province of Sulu, and the Municipality of Indanan, shall take immediate steps to implement
150 the historical heritage conservation, development, and promotion plan, and ecotourism
151 development plan for the “Tomb of Sultan Sharieful Hashim,” and shall incorporate the same
152 in the Regional Tourism Development Plan that the MTIT shall hereafter develop.

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154 **Section 4.** The BCPCH, MTIT, MPW, and MENRE shall include the implementation
155 of this Act in their respective programs, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
156 Bangsamoro Appropriations Act for the incoming fiscal year.

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158 **Section 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the MTIT and the
159 BCPCH shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
160 implementation of this Act.

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162 **Section 6.** All regional laws, rules, regulations inconsistent with any of the provisions
163 of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and amended accordingly.

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165 **Section 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
166 Bangsamoro Gazette or in a newspaper of regional circulation.

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