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#### AN ACT

DECLARING THE TOMB OF SULTAN SHARIEFUL HASHIM IN BARANGAY BUANSA, MUNICIPALITY OF INDANAN, PROVINCE OF SULU, A HISTORICAL HERITAGE SITE AND ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING **FUNDS THEREFOR** 

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This is in line with the provisions of the 1987 Constitution that provide that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression. It also mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations. It further provides that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes regulate its disposition.

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

the nation's cultural treasure and shall be under the protection of the State, which may

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

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

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

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

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

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among others, the rehabilitation, construction, installation, beautification, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area and promote the Tausug Culture; Provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty, cultural and historical significance of the site.

**SECTION 3.** *Implementing Agencies.* - The MTIT and the BCPCH, in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), the Province of Sulu, and the Municipality of Indanan, shall take immediate steps to implement the historical heritage conservation, development, and promotion plan, and ecotourism development plan for the "Tomb of Sultan Sharieful Hashim," and shall incorporate the same in the Regional Tourism Development Plan that the MTIT shall hereafter develop.

 **SECTION 4.** Appropriations. - An initial amount of five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) shall be allocated to carry out the provisions of this Act, which shall be included in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual Bangsamoro Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the MTIT and the BCPCH shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 6.** Repealing Clause. - All regional laws, rules, and regulations inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and amended accordingly.

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

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