RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ANTIQUE RICE TERRACES OF THE IRAYNON-BUKIDNON AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR THE SAKE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Antique Rice Terraces is a vast expanse of rice terraces located in the central mountain areas in the province of Antique;

WHEREAS, Iraynon-Bukidnon, one of the indigenous peoples’ groups in the province is responsible for the preservation of the Antique Rice Terraces;

WHEREAS, Iraynon-Bukidnon has a rich cultural heritage and continues to be the steward of Antique Rice Terraces, where they are able to keep and practice their unique agricultural practices, which they continue to pass on to the younger generation of their community;

WHEREAS, Antique Rice Terraces, its flora and fauna, and the cultural heritage therein can be considered as one of the national cultural treasures of the country that deserves conservation and protection of the State;

WHEREAS, while the public attention to Antique Rice Terraces will entail progress and development in the field of tourism and economy in the area, it may however endanger its environmental and cultural state;

WHEREAS, the Antique Rice Terraces, together with the ethnicity of Iraynon-Bukidnon, are part of our cultural heritage that deserve our recognition, protection, preservation and conservation through the appropriate government agencies;

WHEREAS, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and its affiliated attached cultural agencies, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10066, also known as National Heritage Act of 2009, are mandated to pursue as one of its objectives, which is “to protect, preserve, conserve and promote the nation’s cultural heritage, its property and histories, and the ethnicity of local communities”;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, directing the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and its affiliated cultural agencies to ensure the recognition, protection, preservation and conservation of the Antique Rice Terraces and the ethnicity of Iraynon-Bukidnon as an important cultural heritage of the country, for the sake of the future generations of the country.

Adopted

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