AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF BUTUAN A HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The City of Butuan is hereby declared a heritage tourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the National Museum of the Philippines, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and other concerned government agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism zones.

The City of Butuan is rich with historical and cultural landmarks, rivers and mountain resources, indigenous communities, and other areas full of potentials for heritage, prehistoric and cultural tourism.

Section 2. The City of Butuan, situated in Region XIII, CARAGA, is bounded on the North, Municipality of Magallanes, Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del Norte and Butuan Bay; on the West, Municipality of Buenavista, Agusan del Norte; on the East, Municipality of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur; on the South, Municipality of Las Nieves, Agusan del Norte.

The technical description of the City Of Butuan which is being declared as heritage tourism zone is as follows:

Beginning at the point marked 1 on the plan being S 43° 27’ W, 920.67 m. from BLLM #1 CAD 668, Magallanes;
thence S 42°54' E, 2900.17 m. to point 2; thence S 34°45' W, 3472.10 m. to point 28;
thence N 89°59' E, 1877.92 m. to point 3; thence S 55°42' W, 6585.79 m. to point 29;
thence S 89°59' E, 2743.11 m. to point 4; thence S 38°00' W, 1460.99 m. to point 30;
thence due North, 878.37 m. to point 5; thence S 19°06' E, 8985.89 m. to point 31;
thence due North, 1153.59 m. to point 6; thence S 15°12' E, 8769.37 m. to point 32;
thence due North, 5600.02 m. to point 7; thence S 76°17' W, 4366.72 m. to point 33;
thence S 78°14' E, 10688.04 m. to point 8; thence S 89°50' W, 16070.73 m. to point 34;
thence N 89°29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 9; thence N 28°51' W, 1204.81 m. to point 35;
thence N 89°29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 10; thence N 52°26' W, 5489.15 m. to point 36;
thence N 89°29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 11; thence N 53°37' W, 2816.24 m. to point 37;
thence N 89°29' E, 500.00 m. to point 12; thence N 06°44' W, 6622.50 m. to point 38;
thence N 89°29' E, 500.00 m. to point 13; thence N 17°56' E, 1624.13 m. to point 39;
thence N 89°29' E, 500.00 m. to point 14; thence N 16°00' E, 500.00 m. to point 40;
thence N 87°42' E, 1408.24 m. to point 15; thence N 16°00' E, 500.00 m. to point 41;
thence S 86°19' E, 594.02 m. to point 16; thence N 16°00' E, 999.97 m. to point 42;
thence N 89°29' E, 1000.00 m. to point 17; thence N 16°00' E, 500.01 m. to point 43;
thence N 89°29' E, 3188.03 m. to point 18; thence N 16°00' E, 500.00 m. to point 44;
thence S 34°45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 19; thence N 16°00' E, 400.10 m. to point 45;
thence S 34°45' W, 2000.00 m. to point 20; thence N 16°00' E, 400.10 m. to point 46;
thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 21; thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 47;
thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 22; thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 48;
thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 23; thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 49;
thence S 34°45' W, 500.00 m. to point 24; thence S 34°45' W, 5023.49 m. to point 50;
thence S 34°45' W, 500.00 m. to point 25; thence S 34°45' W, 4235.48 m. to point 51;
thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 26; thence S 34°45' W, 6100.91 m. to point 52;
thence S 34°45' W, 1000.00 m. to point 27; thence S 67°06' E, 1171.30 m. to point 1;

The City of Butuan has an area of 829, 702, 477.50 sq. m. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by Municipal Boundary Monuments and all points not otherwise described are concrete cylindrical monuments of 15 x 15 x 60 cm.

Sec. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the NHCP, the National Museum of the Philippines, the NCCA and other concerned agencies of government, shall prepare a development plan for the City of Butuan, that shall provide for
its development and maintenance, including improvement and restoration of sites, where appropriate, in conformity with set standards, construction of hotels, resorts, restaurants, recreational facilities and other appropriate facilities and infrastructure: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical significance of the area.

Sec. 4. The DPWH shall coordinate with the DOT for the necessary construction and improvement of roads and other infrastructure projects upon promulgation of this Act, and incorporate the design, construction and funding of the same in its infrastructure program.

The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan, and shall incorporate the same in the National Tourism Development Plan.

Sec. 5. The Secretaries of the DOT and the DPWH shall include in their respective Department’s program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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

Approved,