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EXPLANATORY NOTE

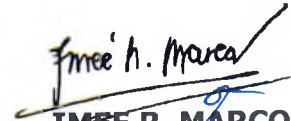
Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as "*The Local Government Code of 1991*", as amended, was enacted pursuant to the constitutional mandate of local autonomy by establishing a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through an efficient system of decentralization. Under Section 384 of the Local Government Code, barangay serves as a basic political unit and the vanguard of providing a wide array of frontline basic and essential services to the citizens and to the community.

The indigenous people of Sitio Cocoy are deprived of privileges enjoyed by the majority of their neighbors due to their geographically disadvantaged location, which is hampered by mountains, requiring people to travel for hours to participate in activities by its mother barangay, Barangay Tukucan.

To ensure that the people of Cocoy do not feel excluded from society, separating their sitio from its mother barangay, Barangay Tukucan, and establishing it as an independent regular barangay is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for its people to

achieve self-determination and self-governance toward progress and meaningful development. Hence, this bill seeks to create a sitio Cocoy as a barangay in the Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao.

Under the premises, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Tukucan, municipality of Tinoc, province of Ifugao is hereby
2 separated and constituted into an independent regular barangay to be known as
3 Barangay Cocoy.
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5 **SEC. 2. Territorial Boundaries.** – The technical description of Barangay Cocoy in
6 the East shall be, from Agah-Akki to the tri-boundary monument of Barangays Tukucan,
7 Binablayan and the Tulludan at Mt. Guibel, all in the municipality of Tinoc, Province of
8 Ifugao. In the South, from Agah-Akki passing through Baay, Napu, Habit and Mahapilaw
9 National Road then to the road crossing at Munsoyosoy until the existing and recognized
10 boundary line of the province of Benguet and the province of Ifugao. In the West, the
11 existing and recognized boundary line between the provinces of Benguet and Ifugao
12 which is the ridge of Mt. Pulag to Mt. Data in Mountain Province. In the North, from the
13 tri-boundary monument at Mount Guibel following the existing boundary line of
14 Barangay Tukucan to the boundary of Barangays Tulludan and Ahin all in the
15 municipality of Tinoc, province of Ifugao.

16 Barangay Cocoy shall consist of the following sitios, to wit:

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| 17 1. Natpugan | 6. Natalag |
| 18 2. Maleteng | 7. Mahapilaw |
| 19 3. Paltog Balitonog | 8. Luta-an |
| 20 4. Amdalagan | 9. Baltik |
| 21 5. Palinta-ang | 10. Bimuhyot |

1 **SEC. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.*** – Pursuant to Section 10 of
2 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the
3 new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in
4 a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC)
5 in the affected area, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.
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7 **SEC. 4. *Barangay Officials.*** – The first set of officials of the said barangay shall
8 be appointed by the Governor of Ifugao and shall hold office until such time that their
9 successors have been duly elected and qualified.
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11 **SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*** – All existing public infrastructures
12 and facilities for public use existing therein at the same time of the approval of this Act
13 are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the
14 new barangay.
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16 **SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.*** – Barangay Cocoy shall be entitled
17 to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No.
18 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.
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20 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act
21 is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not
22 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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24 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,