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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution states that *"the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."*

The Diket Falls is a perfect spot for ecotourism. It is one-hour hike to a waterfall that provides a good view of the various sections of the Caraballo Mountain Range. Hikers will love the verdant forest park, which is lined with rocky river beds and streams. Anyone who enjoys ecotourism will be immersed in nature in a way that most people cannot in urban life, bringing with him an experience associated with a natural environment. Any visitor will be able to experience trail traveling to relatively undisturbed natural areas, as well as admire and enjoy scenery away from urban life.


The bill seeks to declare the "Diket Falls" as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan. The development of the Diket Falls will significantly boost the Municipality of Umingan's ecotourism industry.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Diket Falls located in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of  
2 Pangasinan, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be  
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations  
4 governing the development of tourism destinations.

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6           **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in  
7 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the municipal  
8 government of Umingan and other concerned agencies of the government, shall  
9 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and  
10 maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism  
11 in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation,  
12 conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and resources in the area.

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14           **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps  
15 to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism  
16 development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include Diket Falls in  
17 all its national, regional and local promotions programs.

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19           **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of Tourism shall include in the DOT's program the  
20 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
21 Appropriations Act and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of  
22 the DOT.  
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**SEC. 5.** All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*