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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LEGODON IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that *"the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all."*

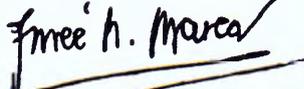
Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled. To serve the aforementioned purposes in establishing a barangay, the population of the barangays must be maintained in such a manner that the constituents will be represented accordingly.

On June 4, 2009, Barangay Legodon was created by the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat by adopting Resolution No. 21-11th SP-'09 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan enacting or Ordinance No. 01-09, through the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan of Esperanza. It is composed of fifteen (15) Puroks including Legodon, Topos, Mangayao, Tudi, Bungo-bungo, Apus Kislana, Dapulan, Tudoc Midulow, Atir, Kesiyor, Baklag, Mekedapang, Tigbowen, Nabugsudan, and Kitakal.

The Barangay Legodon, which was created through ordinance, had never received a share from the National Tax Allotment (NTA). This has caused financial challenges to the Barangay and impeded the effective discharge of its duties and responsibilities to support the needs of its constituents, as well to provide the basic social services mandated by law.

Hence, this bill seeks to establish Barangay Legodon in the Municipality of Esperanza, Province of Sultan Kudarat, as a government unit by virtue of a law, pursuant to Section 385 of the Local Government Code of 1991, and aims to entitle the same to NTA shares allocated to barangays and thereby ensure its economic and financial viability.

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.** *Creation of Barangay Legodon.* – There is hereby created a
2 barangay to be known as Barangay Legodon in the Municipality of Esperanza, Province
3 of Sultan Kudarat.
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5 **SEC. 2.** *Territorial Boundaries.* – The territorial boundaries of Barangay Legodon
6 are hereby described as follows:
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8 "From Tran River as point one (1), following the agreed boundary of Sitio
9 Keping and Sitio Tropos going eastward up to Kaadakolan/Kabulnan River known
10 a point two (2). Going upstream of Kaadakolan/Kabulnan River up to the political
11 boundary of Municipality of Senator Ninoy Aquino and Esperanza known as point
12 three (3). Going westward following the political boundary of Municipality of
13 Senator Ninoy Aquino and Esperanza up to Tran River known as point four (4).
14 Going downstream of Tran River up to the point of origin."
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16 **SEC. 3.** *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and
17 supervised by the Commission on Elections pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 01-09
18 dated February 26 2009, of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Sultan
19 Kudarat, which ratified the creation of Barangay Legodon as proclaimed by the Plebiscite
20 Board of Canvassers on May 31, 2009 shall serve as substantial compliance with the
21 plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as
22 amended.
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1 **SEC. 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.*** – The incumbent elected barangay
2 officials of Barangay Legodon in the Municipality of Esperanza, Province of Sultan
3 Kudarat shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been
4 duly elected and qualified.

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6 **SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*** – All existing public infrastructure
7 and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are
8 hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new
9 barangay.

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11 **SEC. 6. *National Tax Allotment Shares.*** – Barangay Legodon shall be entitled to
12 National Tax Allotment (NTA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160,
13 as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

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15 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Approved,