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AN ACT
DECLARING MOUNT KITUMMAN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TUNGNGOD,
MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, AN ECOTOURISM
DESTINATION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Mount Kitumman located in Barangay Tungngod, Municipality of
2 Lagawe, Province of Ifugao, where the historical Bintacan Cave is located, is hereby declared
3 an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported

4 by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
5 development of ecotourism destinations.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the municipal government
7 of Lagawe shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
8 Resources (DENR) and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development
9 plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
10 infrastructure and facilities that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said
11 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and
12 historical significance of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism
13 development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Lagawe.

14 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Lagawe in the
15 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
16 capacity building. It shall also include Mount Kitumman in its national and regional promotion
17 programs.

18 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
19 budget of the municipal government of Lagawe. The DOT may augment such allocation with
20 internally-generated funds.

21 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal
22 government of Lagawe shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, Department of Public
23 Works and Highways and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and
24 regulations to implement this Act.

25 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential
26 decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
27 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,