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HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3969



Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 384 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," provides:

"SEC. 384. *Role of the Barangay.* – As the basic political unit, 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."

Given the important role that the basic political unit performs, this proposed measure, to be known as the Creation of Barangay Ubaldo Laya, intends to enable the barangay to better perform its mandate of delivering basic services and facilities to their respective communities in the most efficient, responsive and sustainable manner.

Iligan City has forty-four (44) barangays, six (6) of which were created by an Ordinance of the Local Government unit. These six barangays, including Ubaldo Laya, are solely dependent on the subsidy given by the City and does not receive any support from the national government.

Of these six barangays, there are four (4) areas where a high concentration of Internally-Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Marawi City who were victims of the *Marawi Siege* were relocated and chose to relocate, namely Luinab, Hinaplanon, Ditucalan and Ubaldo Laya primarily because these are the areas where there are many Iligan-Maranao residents and the IDPs of Marawi City would understandably be staying with their relatives in these barangays.

Furthermore, this measure seeks to promote the welfare of the barangay by ensuring that the barangay enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy and attain full development, namely: automated release of their share from national taxes; transfer of funds to the barangay for the maintenance of roads and bridges; mandatory share of the barangay in taxes, fees and other charges in order to meet the requirements of their local populace as well as to alleviate the economic and social plight of the IDPs currently residing in the area.

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


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**AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN UBALDO LAYA, ILIGAN CITY
TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY UBALDO LAYA**

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

Section 1. *Creation of Barangay Ubaldo Laya* - There is hereby created a barangay in Ubaldo Laya, Iligan City to be known as Barangay Ubaldo Laya.

Sec. 2. *Territorial Boundaries* - The territorial boundaries of Barangay Ubaldo Laya are hereby described as follows:

Bounded on the North by Barangay Puga-an

On the South by Barangay Tubod

On the East by Barangay Tipanoy

On the West by Barangay Mahayahay

Sec. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite* - The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to City Ordinance No. 1946 dated July 22, 1991 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iligan, which ratified the creation of Barangay Ubaldo Laya as proclaimed by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

Sec. 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials* - The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Ubaldo Laya shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 5. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities* - All public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be owned and administered by Barangay Ubaldo Laya.

Sec. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares* - Barangay Ubaldo Laya shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause*. - All Acts and decrees, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Separability Clause*. - If any provisions of this Act are declared invalid, the remainder or any provisions thereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,