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Introduced by Honorable Gil P. Acosta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a new barangay in the Municipality of Aborlan, Province of Palawan from the mother Barangay of Apurawan, to be constituted into a separate and distinct barangay to be known as Barangay Daaan.

Sitio Daan has a total land area of 20 hectares. As of 2016, Sitio Daan has a total number of 600 residents. Sitio Daan is located far from the barangay proper and its residents are denied the delivery of basic goods and services due to them.

Sitio Daan is inhabited by the Tagbanuas, a cultural minority group that lives by fishing, food gathering, and small time kaingin. This tribe is known to be clannish. They tend to gravitate to each other. The Tagbanua tribe group themselves into one community apart from their neighbors, the non-indigenous people. Because of their unique cultural demography, they have their own visions and priorities in the development of their community.

For these reasons, the residents of Sitio Daan have petitioned the undersigned to propose a legislative measure to create their community to a new barangay. The Tagbanuas in Sitio Daan strongly believe that their general welfare would greatly be improved if they have their own barangay officials who can effectively address their needs and common problems. As a new barangay, they are entitled to their share of the Internal Revenue Allotment from the National Government. The Tagbanua tribe in Sitio Daan would then have the opportunity to use their own Internal Revenue Allotment to plan their own course in a way that is beneficial to the whole community.

This proposal meets Article 14, Par. C of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code of 1991 which states that "Notwithstanding the population requirement, a barangay may be created in Indigenous Cultural Communities by an Act of Congress upon the recommendation of the Local Government Units where the cultural community is located to enhance the delivery of basic services in the areas.

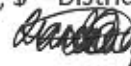
Furthermore, the creation of a new Barangay is recognized in Section 8 of the Internal Rules and Regulation of the Indigenous People's Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) as a separate Ethno-Linguistic Group.

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In view of the foregoing, approval of this proposal is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF DAAN FROM BARANGAY APURAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DAAN

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

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay. The sitio of Daan is hereby separated from Barangay Apurawan in the Municipality of Aborlan, Province of Palawan to constitute a new barangay to be known as Barangay Daan;

SECTION 2. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," the new Barangay Daan shall exist upon approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in the area affected within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The amount necessary for the conduct of such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Aborlan, Province of Palawan.

SECTION 3. Barangay officials. The first set of officials of Barangay Daan shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. All existing 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 administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 5. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. Barangay Daan shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

