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Introduced by HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a sub-regional Kalanguya Center under the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) to service the needs of the Kalanguya Tribe found in the interior areas of the Provinces of Ifugao, Benguet, Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, and Pangasinan.

Despite the boundary limitations of the political subdivisions segregating the tribe into five provinces in Northern Luzon, the Kalanguya inhabit the following specific compact, contiguous and defined territories, namely:

- (a) The municipalities of Ambaguio, Kayapa, Santa Fe, Barangay Ukaw, Capinyaan, Balite, all in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;
- (b) The barangays of Capintalan, Minuli and Salazar of the Municipality of Carranglan, Nueva Ecija;
- (c) The barangays of Malico, and the sitios of Kulangew, Camp 41, Palladaw and Lawigen of the Municipality of San Nicolas, all in the Province of Pangasinan;
- (d) The municipalities of Tinoc and Asipulo of Ifugao Province;
- (e) The barangays of Lusod, Tawangan, Baliay in the Municipality of Kabayan;
- (f) The Eastern Central and Southern portions of Buguias and the surrounding communities of Mt. Pulag National Park Range (with existing communities and Kalanguya clans in the areas like Gayasi and Beckel, La Trinidad;

Camp 1, Camp 3 and Ansagan, Tuba; Ambassador and Naleb, Tublay; Ampucao and Binanga, Itogon), all in the Province of Benguet; and

(g) Other communities in the Northern Luzon where clustered Kalanguyas are found (ex. Runruno, Quezon of Nueva Vizcaya and Mines View of Baguio City).

Practically all ancestral domain and land claims of the Kalanguyas are government reservations (ex. Central Cordillera Forest Reserve, Mt. Pulag National Park and others), except some portions of Barangay Malico, San Nicolas, Pangasinan and Imugan Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcaya which are classified as alienable and disposable lands. Since time immemorial, these lands have been occupied and cultivated, continuously and without interruption by the tribe.

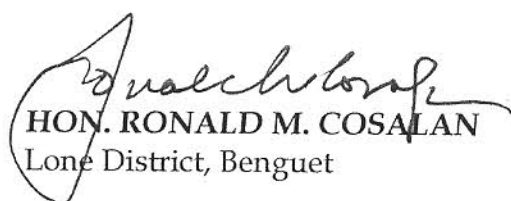
Before, the tribe residing in Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcaya was isolated when it was registered with the National Museum under another tribal name (Ikalahan), even if they were traced to have the same origin, dialect, lifestyle, customs and traditions of the Kalanguyas. This was only cleared after various consultations were held due to vigorous objections of the tribe to disintegrate them.

The marginalized and isolated people belonging to the Kalanguya Tribe needs more specialized government attention. Unfortunately at present, there is no agency to provide them such assistance.

At present, the Kalanguyas go to four (4) separate offices for assistance depending on their residence which accounts for the lack of coordination and specialized training. Those Kalanguyas from the Ifugao and Benguet are serviced by the NCIP in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Those from Nueva Vizcaya are serviced by the NCIP, Region 2; those in Pangasinan, by NCIP, Region 1; and those from Nueva Ecija, by NCIP, Region 3.

Thus, the establishment of the Kalanguya Center is urged in order to protect and preserve the distinctive culture and traditions of the tribe, proud as they are of their origin. It is also aimed at harnessing their efforts towards better livelihood.

Approval of this bill is earnestly and urgently sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE KALANGUYA CENTER FOR THE PROVINCES OF
IFUGAO, BENGUET, NUEVA VIZCAYA, 6TH DISTRICT OF
PANGASINAN AND 1ST DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the office of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), a Kalanguya Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, which shall have jurisdiction over the interior areas populated by Kalanguyas in the province of Ifugao, Benguet, Nueva Vizcaya, 6th District of the Province of Pangasinan and 1st District of Nueva Ecija.

SECTION 2. The Center shall be located at the municipalities covered and accessible to all areas covered. It shall also have Service Centers at the municipalities of Tinoc in the Province of Ifugao; Buguias in the Province of Benguet; Santa Fe and Ambaguio in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya; San Nicolas in the Province of Pangasinan and such other Service Centers as may be determined necessary by the Executive Director of the NCIP.

SECTION 3. The head of the Center shall have a rank equivalent to a Supervising Development Management Officer and whose duties and functions shall be equal to that of an NCIP Provincial Officer but directly responsible to the Executive Director.

The head of the Center should be a duly qualified member of the Kalanguya Tribe.

SECTION 4. The Executive Director of the NCIP shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the Act.

SECTION 5. The amount needed to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,