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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE JOLO CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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.*"

The Municipality of Jolo is first class municipality and capital of the Province of Sulu. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 137,266 people. The town of Jolo is located on the north-west side of the Jolo Island, which is located south-west of the tip of Zamboanga Peninsula on Mindanao Island. Currently, it is politically divided into eight barangays.

The Jolo Circumferential Road has a length of 8.47 kilometers. It is part of the Sulu Island Circumferential Road that starts a section of the Jolo-Indanan-Parang-Silangkan Road in the Municipality of Indanan, the connects to Jolo Port-Bud Daho-Romaider Road, links to Jolo-Taglibi-Tiptipon Road, and ends in a section of the newly converted Sulu Island Circumferential Road in the Municipality of Patikul. It caters to vehicles coming to and from the west Jolo to the southern neighboring towns of Patikul and Indanan, and serves as a bypass route without passing through Jolo Poblacion.

Hence, the bill seeks to convert the Jolo Circumferential in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu, into a national road. This national road will increase economic activities, provide better gate way, and efficiently improve the delivery of basic services in the localities.

In view of the foregoing, 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.** The Jolo Circumferential Road in the Municipality of Jolo, Province
2 of Sulu, is hereby converted into a national road.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
5 Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the
6 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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8 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
9 Official gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,