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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING THE LUZON DATUM LOCATED IN BARANGAY HINANGGAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF MOGPOG, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, A TOURIST SPOT**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Luzon Datum, the geographical center of the Philippines, located in  
2 Barangay Hinanggayon, Municipality of Mogpog, Province of Marinduque, is hereby declared  
3 a tourist spot. As such, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department  
4 of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist  
5 spots.

1           The DOT shall likewise prioritize the establishment of a tourist center in the area, to be  
2 known as the Luzon Datum Tourist Center, that shall showcase the historical significance of  
3 Luzon Datum.

4           **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the municipal government  
5 of Mogpog shall, in coordination with the DOT, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone  
6 Authority (TIEZA) and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development  
7 plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate  
8 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development  
9 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and historical  
10 significance of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development  
11 plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Mogpog.

12           **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Mogpog in the  
13 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism  
14 capacity building. It shall also include the Luzon Datum in all its national and regional  
15 promotion programs.

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

19           **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal  
20 government of Mogpog shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the  
21 government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

22           **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
23 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,