

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10561, May 17, 2013]

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA IN THE CORDILLERA REGION AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as “An Act Declaring the Province of Kalinga in the Cordillera Region as a Tourism Development Area (TDA)”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitable for local communities.

SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The Tourism Development Areas in Kalinga hereby include, but not limited to, the following municipalities endowed with natural beauty, rivers, lake and mountain resources, and historical and cultural significance:

The Municipality of Tinglayan in the Province of Kalinga, with its natural formation of mountain ranges and the natural beauty of Palan-ah Falls and Hot Springs;

The Municipality of Tanudan in the Province of Kalinga, a potential for trekking the rainforest of Mt. Binaratan;

The subterranean rivers and caves, herein, within the Municipality of Balbalan in the Province of Kalinga;

The Aguinaldo Hill and mountain lakes in the Municipality of Pinukpuk in the Province of Kalinga;

The potential site for a white water rafting along the Chico River starting in Tinglayan down to Lubuagan, Pasil and Tabuk City in the Province of Kalinga;

The historical areas in the City of Tabuk, herein, in the Province of Kalinga;

The Padharao Lake and the historical Guina-ang Village in the Municipality of Pasil in the Province of Kalinga; and

The Elephant Hill and the man-made lagoon in the Municipality of Rizal in the Province of Kalinga.

As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing tourism zones.

SEC. 4. *Tourism Development Plan of Kalinga.* – The Tourism Development Plan of the Province of Kalinga shall be incorporated in the DOT’s overall National Tourism