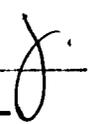


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TO ENHANCE AND ENSURE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES,  
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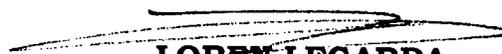
Explanatory Note

R.A. 8371, otherwise known as the 'Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA), was enacted into law in 1997 to give effect to the constitutional recognition and cognizance to the estimated 12 to 15 million Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs)/Indigenous Peoples (IPs) present in 65 of the 78 provinces in the country. Said law provides for the creation of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) as its implementing agency. Eventually, various national, regional, grassroots and non-government organizations/networks were established, all geared towards their recognition, promotion and well-being. Likewise, numerous international treaties, conventions and declarations with similar objectives were entered into by the government.

Despite concerted efforts exerted by the government, in partnership with various private organizations and adequate financial support from international communities, still they remain the poorest and marginalized sectors of our society. Basic services remain wanting in most geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs). Further, the reported serious human rights violations, displacement from their ancestral domain and destruction of their natural environment and cultural values, calls for an immediate and drastic measures to address the same.

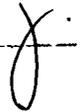
There is a need to establish Resource Centers in all ICCs/IPs, which are ethnographically located, gender and rights based, as may be determined by the NCIP. The centers shall serve as access centers to enhance delivery of basic, social, technical and legal services.

In view of the foregoing, early 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. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**Resource Centers**  
2 **for Indigenous Peoples Act.**"  
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby the policy of the State to provide  
5 Indigenous Peoples (IPs) equal access to basic services and ensure protection  
6 of their rights, taking into consideration their customs, traditions, values and  
7 beliefs. Towards this end, there is a need to set up Resource Centers in all  
8 ethnographic regions to enhance the delivery of government's basic services  
9 and enable them to be recognized and to freely engage in participatory  
10 development programs, projects and activities.  
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12 **SEC. 3. Establishment of Resource Centers for ICC/IP.** - There shall be  
13 established IPs Resource Centers, hereinafter referred to as the "Center", in  
14 state universities and colleges in strategic locations in Luzon, Visayas and  
15 Mindanao as determined by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples  
16 (NCIP), hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", taking into consideration  
17 their ethnological locations.  
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19 **SEC. 4 Staff and Components of the ICC/IP Resource Centers.** - The  
20 Commission shall designate in every Center a Chief Coordinating Officer, as  
21 well as staff members representing the concerned government departments  
22 and agencies.  
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24 **SEC. 5. Composition and Functions of the Center.** - The Center shall be  
25 composed of the following three (3) major service areas and their respective  
26 functions, namely:

27 A) Statistical Service Area - documentation and recognition of ICCs/ IPs  
28 their indigenous knowledge, systems and practices, political structures and  
29 customary laws through census, appraisal and baseline reports, and libraries;

30 B) Human Development Index Service Area - addresses problems of  
31 ICCs/IPs and provide basic and necessary services through link-up with  
32 concerned government agencies such as training programs, grant of  
33 scholarships, employment, livelihood and health services; and

34 C) Domains Management Service Area - promotion of participatory  
35 programs, projects and activities for ICCs/IPs to effectively deliver their

36 responsibility to maintain ecological balance, restore denuded areas, observe  
37 laws and the implementation of the Ancestral Domains Sustainable  
38 Development and Protections Plans and such other existing programs.

39 **SEC. 6. Monitoring Progress and Implementation and Impact of this Act.**  
40 - The Commission shall submit to Congress every three (3) years or as  
41 determined in the implementing rules and regulations, an annual report of its  
42 accomplishments.

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44 **SEC. 7. Funding.** - The initial funding requirements for the implementation  
45 of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the agencies  
46 concerned. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued  
47 implementation, shall be included in the agencies' yearly budget under the  
48 General Appropriations Act.

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50 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days  
51 after the approval of this Act, the Commission, in coordination with the  
52 following concerned government agencies, to wit: Local Government Units  
53 (LGUs), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Social Welfare and  
54 Development (DSWD), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority  
55 (TESDA), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education  
56 (CHED), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Department of Justice (DOJ),  
57 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and  
58 Industry (DTI), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Environment and  
59 Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Land Management  
60 Bureau (LMB), Land Registration Authority (LRA), and such other concerned  
61 agencies, shall issue the necessary Rules and Regulations for the effective  
62 implementation of this Act.

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64 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, rules and regulations or parts thereof,  
65 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified  
66 accordingly.

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68 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If any part, section or provision of this Act  
69 shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provisions  
70 thereof shall be affected thereby.

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72 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following  
73 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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75 **Approved,**