Republic of the Philippines Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Cotabato City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Fourth Regular Session)

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Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT 88]

AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY BALUNGIS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGALUNGAN, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly in session assembled.

SECTION 1. Sitio Balungis is hereby separated from its mother Barangay Kalbugan in the Municipality of Pagalungan, Province of Maguindanao, and is created into a separate and distinct barangay in the same municipality.

SEC. 2. Barangay Balungis contains a land area of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE POINT SIX HUNDRED FOUR (2,625.604) SQUARE METERS, more or less, and is bounded by natural and duly designated boundaries, more specifically as follows:

"Beginning at Point 1, situated on a point along the bank of Rio Grande de Mindanao; thence, moving northeast approximately 485 meters towards Point 2, following the contour of the river; thence, continuing in the same direction for 157 meters still following the contour of Rio Grande towards Point 3; thence, moving northeast for 410 meters to Point 4; thence, going due east for 3,480 meters towards Point 5, which serves as the boundary line between Barangay Buliok and Barangay Balungis; thence, moving due south approximately 270.21 meter following the natural boundary of Liguasan Marsh to Point 6; thence, going in a westerly direction for 3,813 meters going back to the point of origin at Point 1."

SEC. 3. Immediately after the ratification of this Act, the punong barangay and seven (7) members of the sangguniang barangay shall be appointed by the mayor of Pagalungan Municipality: while, the chairman and seven (7) members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be appointed by the concerned punong barangay: Provided, That they shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in their next sangguniang regular elections: Provided, Further, That they shall exercise their duties and powers specified under Republic Act 6734, Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act 25, and other existing rules regulations.

- SEC. 4. The corporate existence of Barangay Balungis shall commence upon the appointment or election and qualification of the punong barangay and a majority of the sangguniang members.
- SEC. 5. The sangguniang bayan shall be authorized to provide for the necessary allowances and other benefits of the appointed barangay officials out of the municipal funds until the regular allocation from the national government shall have been released to the new barangay.
- SEC. 6. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite which shall be held within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.
- SEC. 7. The expenses required for the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the treasury of the municipality of Pagalungan as may be determined by its sangguniang bayan.
- SEC. 8. The creation of Barangay Balungis shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose in the local government units directly affected.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED:

KABILANG, SEMA Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on September 13, 1999.

WILSON S. ANNI Secretary-General

APPROVED:

PROF. NUR P. MISUARI Regional Governor Date: