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Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Province of Tawi-Tawi

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Bongao

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF TAWI-TAWI HELD AT
THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL,
CAPITOL BUILDING, BONGAO, TAWI-TAWI,
ON JANUARY 5, 1999

Present:

Hon. Abdulkarim J. Nuruddin SP Member and
Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Hadji Yacob S. Harun SP Member
Hon. Datu Abubakar I. Dawila SP Member
Hon. Laurel "Lao" T. Tahir SP Member
Hon. Hadji Kadir J. Matolo SP Member

Absent:

Hon. Abubakar J. Mohammad Vice-Governor and
Presiding Officer (OB)
Hon. Datu Hadji Alawandsa M. Amilbansa ... SP Member
Hadja Myrna C. Ajihil Ex-Officio Member
(PCL)

RESOLUTION NO. 041
Series of 1999

RESOLUTION

**ENDORING THE DECLARATION OF THE HISTORICAL SITES
SUCH AS BONGAO PEAK, SHEIK MAKHDUM MOSQUE, AND
TOMB AS SPECIAL TOURIST ZONES AND THE ESTABLIS-
HMENT OF TOURIST CENTER THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, per account of the National Historical Institute, the Muslim salsilas or genealogical accounts which provide clues on the Islamization of Sulu which mentioned that Sheik Karimul Makhdum significantly reinforced the spread of Islam among a people made more receptive by the presence of an already existing Islamic community that established itself in Sulu prior to Makhdum's coming;

WHEREAS, to this day, Muslim dignitaries as well as the local residents and tourists still trek the Bongao Peak to view the sacred tomb atop its peak and the seascape that provided passages for battleships during WW II; visit the first mosque in the Philippines found in Tubig Indangan, Simunul, and give respects to the man who attracted the people with his mystical personality and teachings that laid the groundwork for future Islamic missionary work in the Sulu archipelago and in other neighboring areas;

WHEREAS, the tomb or the burial site of Sheik Makhdum marked the last leg of his missionary work in the coastal village of Tandubanak, now Tongsibaloh in Sibutu, Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi;

WHEREAS, historical accounts noted that the present mosque stands on the site of the original mosque which Karimul Makhdum built in 1376 or 1380 and that relics of the four wooden, brown-hued and carved posts of ipil are believed to be from the original mosque built by Sheik Makhdum;

WHEREAS, legislative measures are filed in the 11th Congress giving vent to this sentimental support of the Muslim people by way of House Bills # 3183, 3185, and 3189;

WHEREAS, the historical significance of the three sites are not lost to visitors and the Muslim community alike, and preserving the same will certainly add meaning to tourism development in the province of Tawi-Tawi.

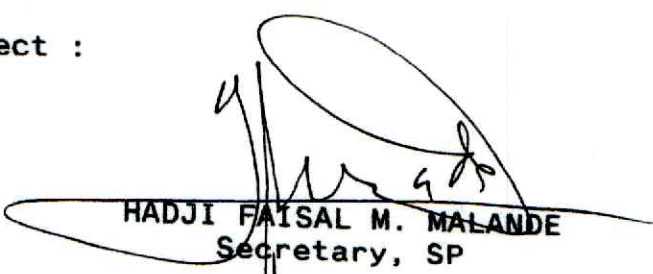
NOW THEREFORE

On session duly assembled, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved, to respectfully endorse the declaration of the historical sites such as Bongao Peak, Sheik Makhdum Mosque, and Tomb as special tourist zones and establishment of tourist centers therein.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Nur G. Jaafar, Congressman, Lone District of Tawi-Tawi, House of Representatives, Batasan Hills, Quezon City, for appropriate action.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1999, on motion of Hon. Hadji Kadir J. Matolo, duly seconded by Hon. Hadji Yacob S. Harun.

Certified true and correct :


HADJI FAISAL M. MALANDE
Secretary, SP

Attested :


HON. ABDULKARIM J. NURUDDIN
SP Member and
Acting Presiding Officer

Approved :


HADJI SADIKUL A. SAHALI
Provincial Governor

Date: 6 Jan 1999