



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
City of Cagayan de Oro
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
(Sangguniang Panlungsod)

06 October 1999

Atty. Pureza N. Ramos
Consultant
Historical Commission
Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Atty. Ramos:

Enclosed is a copy of **Resolution No. 4433-99**, current series, passed by the City Council, this City, in its Regular Session on the 28th day of September 1999, to wit:

"Declaring the Huluga Caves Area located in Taguanao and Indahag as a Heritage Landmark and likewise declaring it a policy to develop, protect and preserve the same"

For your information.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE CITY SECRETARY:

TERESITA R. BANCORO
Asst. City Council Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 4433-99

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE HULUGA CAVES AREA LOCATED IN TAGUANA AND INDAHAG AS A HERITAGE LANDMARK AND LIKEWISE DECLARING IT A POLICY TO DEVELOP, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Huluga Caves area was scientifically studied and excavated by field researchers of the National Museum and the Xavier University Museum in 1970-1971, yielding several artifacts of great historical and anthropological significance;

WHEREAS, human skeletal remains taken from one of the caves thereat was sent to the Scripps Institute in La Jolla, California for a recent form of dating technique known as acid racemization. Said process revealed the artifacts dates back to 1600 years B.C. during the late Neolithic period, the oldest chronological age ever established in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, historical scholars of note have pointed to the Huluga Caves area as the site of the early settlement of Himologan, the precursor of present-day Cagayan de Oro, before the settlement was moved down river by Fray Agustin de San Pedro and Datu Salangsang in 1626, as narrated in the chronicles of the Augustinian Recollect missionaries of the time;

WHEREAS, all these chronicles of the Augustinian Recollect missionaries, summarized and enunciated by Dr. Francis C. Madigan, S.J. of the Research Institute of Mindanao Culture of Xavier University in 1963 in his document "The Early History of Cagayan de Oro", describe the Himologan/Huluga culture as an organized ethnic society when this was discovered by Fray Juan de San Nicolas and Fray Francisco de la Madre de Dios in 1622;

WHEREAS, the importance of the Huluga Caves area can not be ignored and underscored for the posterity of generations of future citizens of our beloved city;

WHEREAS, now is not only the opportune time to safeguard Huluga Caves, it is also a matter of urgency that it be preserved considering the phenomenal growth of our City and the projected development that it will certainly take towards that part of the City, thereby possibly threatening the very existence of Huluga Caves;

WHEREAS, Cagayan de Oro as the "Kalakbay Destination of the Year 1999" has earned a distinct honor in the whole country and hence the need to develop her many historical sites for heritage tourism, thereby earning more revenues and reputable honor for the City;

WHEREFORE, on motion jointly made and jointly seconded by the members present, it was

RESOLVED, as the City Council (*Sangguniang Panlungsod*) of the City of Cagayan de Oro hereby resolves to declare, as it hereby declares the Huluga Caves area located in Taguanao and Indahag as a Heritage Landmark;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to declare it a policy of the City to develop, protect and preserve the said Huluga Caves area;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to forward copies of this Resolution to the National Museum, Department of Tourism, City Tourism Board, City Tourism Office, Cagayan de Oro



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Historical and Cultural Commission, City Administrator's Office and City Mayor's Office, for their information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

DONE this 28th day of September 1999 in the City of Cagayan de Oro.

PRESIDENT D. ELIPE, CPA
CITY COUNCILOR
ACTING CITY VICE-MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

Attested:

FOR THE CITY SECRETARY:

TERESITA R. BANCORO
ASSISTANT CITY COUNCIL SECRETARY