



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 4  
Series of 2026**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KIBUNGAN, KAPANGAN, AND BAKUN AS TOURISM DESTINATION HUBS IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9593 or The Tourism Act of 2009, declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance;

**WHEREAS**, the same law provides that the State shall develop the country as a prime tourist hub in Asia and support the establishment of tourism enterprise zones (TEZs) to attract investments and promote sustainable development;

**WHEREAS**, the state recognizes tourism as a vital driver of economic growth, inclusive development, and social progress, particularly in rural and geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Benguet is endowed with rich natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and eco-tourism potential that contribute significantly to the country's tourism portfolio;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun in the Province of Benguet possess unique attractions, including scenic mountain ranges, rice terraces, waterfalls, caves, trekking areas, and indigenous cultural experiences, making them highly suitable as emerging tourism destinations in the province, yet remain largely underdeveloped and under-promoted;<sup>2 3 4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *About the province – province of Benguet.* (n.d.). <https://benguet.gov.ph/about-the-province/>

<sup>2</sup> Lauren Alimondo. (2024, October 16). Kapangan to showcase tourism sites, culture. *SunStar Publishing Inc.* <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/baguio/local-news/kapangan-to-showcase-tourism-sites-culture>

<sup>3</sup> *Kibungan, Benguet.* (n.d.). <http://tarakahitsaan.com/tourist-spots-in-kibungan-of-benguet>

<sup>4</sup> *Bakun, Benguet.* (n.d.). <http://tarakahitsaan.com/tourist-spots-in-bakun-of-benguet>

**WHEREAS**, geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas are vulnerable to the cultivation of illegal drug crops due to limited access to sustainable livelihood opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned geographically isolated municipalities in the Province of Benguet encounter problems with the persistent marijuana cultivation, especially in remote mountainous areas, linked to economic survival, limited access to income sources, and cultural and traditional beliefs.<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Dangerous Drugs Board (the Board), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9165, is mandated to formulate policies and strategies aimed at drug demand and supply reduction, including the promotion of sustainable, community-based alternative development initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, the development of tourism as an alternative livelihood strategy can help address socio-economic vulnerabilities, discourage participation in illicit activities, and strengthen community resilience toward achieving drug-free communities;

**WHEREAS**, the development of these municipalities as tourism destination hubs can stimulate local economic activity, generate employment opportunities, and improve the quality of life of their respective communities;

**WHEREAS**, the promotion of sustainable tourism initiatives aligns with the national government's broader efforts to foster peace, order, and community resilience, consistent with the objectives of the Board in advocating drug-free communities;

**WHEREAS**, strategic tourism development serves as a viable alternative development pathway that may contribute to addressing socio-economic vulnerabilities often associated with the cultivation and proliferation of illegal drugs in remote areas;

**WHEREAS**, inter-agency collaboration, particularly with the Department of Tourism (DOT), is essential in providing technical assistance, infrastructure support, marketing, and capacity-building to local government units in emerging tourism areas;

**WHEREAS**, promoting tourism and making the aforementioned places tourism hubs in the Province of Benguet, through the support of the Department of Tourism, as well as other government agencies, would significantly contribute to raising awareness

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<sup>5</sup> Aldwin Quitasol. (2026, April 19). Massive raid nets high-value targets. *Daily Tribune*. <https://tribune.net.ph/2026/04/19/massive-raid-nets-high-value-targets>

and advancing efforts towards a drug-free environment while fostering sustainable local development.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board encourage the Department of Tourism to extend support to the municipalities of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun for their development as tourism destination hubs in the Province of Benguet, including but not limited to destination planning, infrastructure development, marketing promotion, and capacity-building initiatives.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that concerned national government agencies and local government units are likewise encouraged to collaborate and provide the necessary support to ensure the successful and sustainable development of the said municipalities as tourism destinations;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Tourism, the Provincial Government of Benguet, and the Local Government Units of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun for their information and appropriate actions.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 08<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2026 in Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA**  
Chairperson



Attested by:

  
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