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RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF APO REEF NATURAL PARK IN SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO IN ACQUIRING PLATINUM-LEVEL BLUE PARK AWARD AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PRESERVATION EFFORTS OF THE MARINE PROTECTED AREA.

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WHEREAS, the Apo Reef, considered as the second biggest atoll-like reef in the Philippines, contains two detached coral reefs that are disengaged by a 30-meter channel. The unmistakable blue waters of the channel are overflowing with 285 types of vibrant marine life, including tropical aquarium fish, snappers, and the crevice-dwelling moray.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, the Apo Reef Natural Park (ARNP) in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro obtained the Platinum-Level Blue Park Award during the 2022 United Nations Conference held in Lisbon, Portugal alongside Raja Ampat Islands Marine Conservation Area in Indonesia and Old Providence McBean Lagoon National Park in Colombia, which was received by Protected Area Superintendent Ms. Krystal Villanada and Philippine Ambassador to Portugal Ms. Celia Anna Feria.

WHEREAS, the Blue Park Awards was created by Marine Conservation Institute which perceives remarkable marine protected areas (MPAs), to embolden high-quality marine safeguarded areas, protect marine wildlife, secure critical habitats, promote, resilience, and ensure the inspiring beauty of our oceans for future generations.

WHEREAS, the Blue Park rules give a science-based standard to marine preservation viability by acquiring Platinum-Level Blue Park Award, the extraordinary endeavors of everyone involved in effectively protecting the marine ecosystem for more than two decades, and ensuring that it truly safeguards biodiversity especially for the future have been recognized and is henceforth appreciated;

WHEREAS, Apo Reef National Park joins the organization of 24 granted Blue Parks all over the planet and is second in the Philippines after Tubbataha Reef Natural Park in Palawan Following its international recognition, Protected Area Superintendent Ms. Krystal Villanada looks forward to significant growth in Apo Reef Natural Park's networks and resources;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of HON. RYAN GADIANO SIOSON, Chairman- Committee on Health duly seconded by and all members present, BE IT

RESOLVED, as this body hereby resolves in its session duly assembled, resolution "Recognizing the success of Apo Reef Natural Park in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro for acquiring Platinum-Level Blue Park Award and appreciation for the people behind the preservation efforts of the marine protected area"

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RESOLVED FURTHER, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Occidental Mindoro hereby extends its gratitude to the Park Rangers, the Protected Area Management Board of ARNP headed by Ms. Lormelyn Claudio, the Biodiversity Management Bureau and DENR MIMAROPA Region, Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Sablayan and Province of Occidental Mindoro, Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Incorporated, World Wildlife Fund- Philippines, and the UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative, among others for their hard work and good management leading to the advancement and phenomenal conservation and protection of the ARNP.

LET COPY of this resolution furnished the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and all concerned offices for their information and appropriate action.

DULY APPROVED on the 7th Regular Session of the 14th Sangguniang Panlalawigan held on 16th day of August 2022 at Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Capitol Complex, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.

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