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AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RULES ON THE PROPER USE AND
DISPLAY OF OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND THE RENDITION
OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FLAG
AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 54 of Republic Act No. 8491 are hereby
2 amended as follows:
3 "SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* -- **IT IS HEREBY DECLARED**
4 **THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT [R]reverence and respect**
5 shall at all times be accorded the flag, the anthem, and other
6 national symbols which embody the national ideals and traditions
7 and which express the principles of sovereignty and national
8 solidarity. The heraldic items and devices shall seek to manifest
9 the national virtues and to inculcate in the minds and hearts of our
10 people a just pride in their native land, fitting respect and
11 affection for the national flag and anthem, and the proper use of

1 the national motto, coat-of-arms and other heraldic items and
2 devices.”

3 “SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* -- Whenever used in this Act,
4 the term:

5 “[a] ‘Military’ shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces
6 of the Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the
7 Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Fire
8 Protection;]

9 “(A) ‘ADVERTISEMENT OR INFOMERCIAL’ SHALL MEAN
10 ADVERTISEMENT OR ANY INFORMATION MATERIAL IN PRINT,
11 RADIO, TELEVISION, CINEMA, VIDEO AND THE LIKE, OUTDOOR
12 AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, SEEKING TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUALS,
13 ENTITIES, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL,
14 POLITICAL PURPOSES OR INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS;

15 “(B) ‘DISPLAY’ SHALL REFER TO THE MANNER IN WHICH
16 THE FLAG IS PUBLICLY PRESENTED AND VENERATED;

17 “[b](C) ‘Festoon’ shall mean to hang in a curved shape
18 between two points as a decoration, CURTAIN, DRAPE, ETC.;

19 “[c](D) ‘Flag’ shall mean the Philippine National Flag,
20 unless stated otherwise;

21 “[d](E) ‘Fly’ shall mean the part of the flag outside the
22 hoist or length;

23 “[e] ‘Symbol’ shall mean any conventional sign which
24 reveals man’s achievement and heroism (for orders and
25 decorations), identification, authority and a sign of dignity (for
26 coat-of-arms, logo and insignia;)]

1 “(F) **“GOVERNMENT ENTITIES”** SHALL MEAN ALL
2 **BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEIR BUREAUS AND**
3 **ATTACHED AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, LOCAL**
4 **GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR**
5 **-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL**
6 **INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND THE ARMED**
7 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING ITS BASIC**
8 **COMPONENT UNITS;**

9 “[D](G) **‘Half-Mast’** shall mean lowering the flag to one-
10 half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. **IF THE**
11 **FLAG IS DISPLAYED IN A HANGING POSITION OR USED IN A**
12 **PARADE AS A SIGN OF MOURNING, HALF-MAST SHALL MEAN**
13 **PLACING A BLACK RIBBON ON THE BLUE FIELD HOIST SIDE;**

14 “(H) **‘HALYARD’** SHALL MEAN THE LONG ROPE WHERE
15 **THE FLAG FASTENS AND WHICH RUNS UP THE LENGTH OF THE**
16 **FLAGPOLE;**

17 “(I) **‘HANGING POSITION’** SHALL MEAN THE WHITE
18 **FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, THE BLUE FIELD SHALL BE TO THE**
19 **RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF PEACE; THE**
20 **WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, AND THE RED FIELD TO THE**
21 **RIGHT (LEFT OF THE OBSERVER) IN TIME OF WAR;**

22 “(J) **‘HERALDIC ITEMS/HERALDIC ITEMS AND**
23 **DEVICES’** SHALL MEAN **COAT-OF-ARMS, SEALS, LOGOS,**
24 **INSIGNIAS, BADGES, FLASHES, PATCHES, ORDERS AND**
25 **DECORATIONS, MEDALS, STARS, CITATIONS, LAPEL PINS,**
26 **TROPHIES, DRY, WAX OR WET SEALS, AND IMPRINTS ON**
27 **LETTERHEADS, ENVELOPES AND CARDS;**

1 “[g](K) ‘Hoist’ shall mean the part of the flag nearest the
2 staff or the canvass to which the halyard is attached;

3 “[h](L) ‘Inclement Weather’ shall mean [that a typhoon
4 signal is raised in the locality] A WEATHER CONDITION SUCH AS
5 RAIN OR STRONG WIND THAT WILL BE UNFAVORABLE FOR THE
6 RAISING OF THE FLAG SINCE IT WILL LESSEN THE DIGNITY
7 THAT SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THE FLAG;

8 “[i](M) ‘National Anthem’ shall mean the Philippine
9 National Anthem, ENTITLED ‘LUPANG HINIRANG’;

10 “(N) ‘NHCP’ SHALL MEAN THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL
11 COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES;

12 “[j](O) “Official Residences” shall mean Malacañang,
13 and other government-owned structures where the President
14 resides, [and other structures occupied by] the Philippine
15 Consulates or Embassies abroad, AND OTHER STRUCTURES
16 OCCUPIED BY NATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS;

17 “[k](P) ‘Places of Frivolity’ shall mean places of hilarity
18 marked by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation;
19 [and]

20 “[l] ‘Institute’ shall mean the National Historical
21 Institute;]

22 “(Q) ‘PHILIPPINE SUN’ SHALL MEAN THE GOLDEN
23 SUNBURST WITH EIGHT EQUALLY SPACED RAYS DISPLAYED IN
24 THE FLAG. EACH RAY HAVING ONE MAJOR BEAM, TWICE AS
25 BROAD AS THE TWO MINOR BEAMS ON EITHER SIDE;

1 [B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag]

2 "SEC. 5. *HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL*
3 *FLAG.* – The flag shall be **HOISTED OR** displayed in all public
4 buildings, official residences, public plazas, and institutions of
5 learning every day throughout the year."

6 "SEC. 6. *WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY*
7 *DISPLAYED.* – The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and
8 night throughout the year, in front of the following: [at](A)
9 Malacañang Palace; [the](B) SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES
10 BUILDING; [Congress of the Philippines](C) HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES building; (D) Supreme Court building; [the]
12 (E) Rizal Monument in Luneta, CITY OF MANILA; (F) Aguinaldo
13 Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; (G) Barasoain Shrine in Malolos,
14 Bulacan; [the](H) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, *Libingan ng*
15 *mga Bayani* IN TAGUIG CITY, METRO MANILA; (I) ALL
16 MEMORIALS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS OF THE MILITARY;
17 (J) *Mausoleo de los Veteranos de la Revolucion* IN THE NORTH
18 CEMETERY, CITY OF MANILA; (K) MARCELA AGONCILLO
19 HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN TAAL, BATANGAS; (L)
20 PINAGLABANAN HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN SAN JUAN CITY,
21 METRO MANILA; (M) all International Ports of Entry and (N) all
22 other places as may be **SUBSEQUENTLY** designated **AND MARKED**
23 by the [Institute]NHCP.

24 "The flag, **ON THE ABOVESTATED PLACES**, shall be
25 properly illuminated at night."

1 “SEC. 7. *DISPLAY OF FLAG IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND*
2 *OFFICES.* – The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings
3 and residences or raised [in the open on flag-staffs] ON
4 FLAGPOLES in front of said buildings [every April 9 (*Araw ng*
5 *Kagitingan*); May 1 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to
6 June 12 (Independence Day); last Sunday of August (National
7 Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and December 30
8 (Rizal Day); and on such other days as may be declared by the
9 President and/or local chief executives] DURING FLAG DAYS, AS
10 PROVIDED IN SECTION 25 OF THIS ACT.

11 “The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in
12 private buildings or offices or raised [in the open on flag-staffs]
13 ON FLAGPOLES in front of private buildings: *Provided, That*
14 [they] THE OCCUPANTS OF THE SAID BUILDING SHALL observe
15 flag-raising ceremonies in accordance with the IMPLEMENTING
16 rules and regulations (IRR) to be issued by the [Office of the
17 President]NHCP.”

18 [SEC. 8. All government agencies and instrumentalities,
19 and local government offices, government-owned corporations
20 and local government units are enjoined to observe flag day with
21 appropriate ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non-government
22 organizations and the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in
23 making the celebrations a success.]

24 “SEC. [9.]8. *DISPLAY OF FLAG ON SEAFARING VESSELS.*
25 – The flag shall be flown on [merchant ships] ALL SEAFARING
26 VESSELS of Philippine registry [of more than one thousand (1000)
27 gross tons and on all naval vessels].

1 “On board [naval] SEAFARING vessels, the flag shall be
2 displayed on the flagstaff at the stern when the ship is at anchor.
3 The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the ship
4 is at sea.”

5 “SEC. [10.]9. *THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE FIELDS OF THE*
6 *FLAG.* – The flag, if [flown from a flagpole,] HOISTED shall have
7 its blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in
8 time of war; if in a hanging position, THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE
9 ON TOP, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in
10 time of peace, AND THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, and the
11 red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war.”

12 [The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at
13 the top.]

14 “SEC. [11.]10. *FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD.* – If
15 planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place
16 and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding
17 position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity. THE
18 FLAGPOLE STAFF MUST BE STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TAPERING
19 AT THE TOP.

20 “If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its
21 roof or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

22 “If on a stage or platform or government office, the flag
23 shall be at the left OF THE OBSERVER (facing the stage) or the left
24 of the office upon entering.”

25 “SEC. [12.]11. *THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN FLOWN*
26 *WITH ANOTHER FLAG.* – When the Philippine flag is flown with
27 another flag, the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on

1 separate staffs of the same height and shall be of equal size. The
2 Philippine flag shall be **TO THE LEFT OF THE OBSERVER AND**
3 hoisted first and lowered last.

4 "If the other flag is not a national flag, it may be flown
5 **DURING SPECIAL OCCASIONS** in the same [lineyard] **HALYARD** as
6 the Philippine flag but below the latter and it cannot be of greater
7 size than the Philippine flag."

8 "SEC. [13.]12. **THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN DISPLAYED**
9 **WITH ANOTHER FLAG.** – When displayed with another flag, the
10 Philippine flag shall be on the right of the other flag (**LEFT OF**
11 **THE OBSERVER**). If there is a line of other flags, the Philippine
12 flag shall be [in the middle of the line] **AT THE LEFTMOST OF**
13 **THE OBSERVER.**

14 "When carried in a parade with flags which are not national
15 flags, the Philippine flag shall be in front of the center of the line.

16 "ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE
17 **PHILIPPINE FLAG SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE IRR TO BE**
18 **ISSUED BY THE NHCP PURSUANT TO THE COMMON PROVISIONS**
19 **STATED IN THIS ACT."**

20 "SEC. [14.]13. **PROPER USE, DISPOSAL AND**
21 **REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT FLAG.** – **THE FLAG SHALL BE**
22 **REPLACED IMMEDIATELY BY THE CONCERNED**
23 **AGENCY/INSTITUTION/OFFICE WHEN IT BEGINS TO SHOW SIGNS**
24 **OF WEAR AND TEAR.**

25 [A]THE flag worn out through wear and tear, shall not be
26 thrown away. It shall be **TURNED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE**
27 **BOY SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS LOCAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE**
28 **FOUND IN THE NEAREST SCHOOL WHO SHALL CONDUCT PROPER**

1 **DISPOSAL RITES ON THE WORN OUT FLAG/S [solemnly burned]**
2 to avoid misuse or desecration. [The flag shall be replaced
3 immediately when it begins to show signs of wear and tear.]

4 **“THE MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF THE WORN OUT FLAG**
5 **SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES TO BE ISSUED BY**
6 **THE NHCP.”**

7 **“SEC. [15.]14. *APPROPRIATE TIME FOR FLAG RAISING***
8 ***AND LOWERING.*** – The flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered
9 at sunset. It shall be on the mast at the start of official office
10 hours, **AND** shall remain flying throughout the day.”

11 **“SEC. [16.]15. *MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG.*** --
12 The flag may be displayed:

13 “(a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary **OR**
14 **MOVABLE** flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole,
15 it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the
16 room;

17 “(b) From the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a
18 prominent place or a commanding position in relation to the
19 surrounding buildings;

20 “(c) From a staff projecting upward from the window sill,
21 canopy, balcony or façade of a building;

22 “(d) In a suspended position from a rope extending from a
23 building **OR LAMPOST** to **A** pole erected away from the building;

24 “(e) Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars
25 on top; and

26 “(f) Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the
27 blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or
28 pointing north if the road is heading east or west.

1 cases, the flag shall be placed such that the white triangle shall be
 2 at the head and the blue portion shall cover the right side of the
 3 caskets. The flag shall not be lowered to the grave or allowed to
 4 touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and handed over to
 5 the heirs of the deceased.”

6 [F. Pledge to the Flag]

7 “SEC. [25.]23. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.* – The following
 8 shall be the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag:

9 *“Ako ay Pilipino*

10 *Buong katapatang nanunumpa*

11 *Sa watawat ng Pilipinas*

12 *At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag*

13 *Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan*

14 *Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang*

15 *Maka-Diyos*

16 *Maka-tao*

17 *Makakalikasan at*

18 *Makabansa.*

19 “[Such pledge] **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE**
 20 **PHILIPPINE FLAG** shall be recited while standing with the right
 21 hand with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose
 22 faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge
 23 must, nonetheless, show full respect when the pledge is being
 24 rendered by standing at attention.”

1 **"SEC. 24. OATH OF PATRIOTISM. – THE FOLLOWING**
2 **SHALL BE THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM TO THE PHILIPPINES**
3 **WHICH SHALL BE RECITED BY STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS IN**
4 **ADDITION TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE PHILIPPINE**
5 **FLAG:**

6 **INIIBIG KO ANG PILIPINAS.**

7 **ITO ANG AKING LUPANG SINILANGAN.**

8 **ITO ANG TAHANAN NG AKING LAHI.**

9 **AKO'Y KANYANG KINUKUPKOP AT TINUTULUNGAN**

10 **UPANG MAGING MALAKAS, MALIGAYA, AT**

11 **KAPAKIPAKINABANG.**

12 **BILANG GANTI, DIRINGGIN KO ANG PAYO NG AKING MGA**

13 **MAGULANG.**

14 **SUSUNDIN KO ANG MGA TUNTUNIN NG AKING PAARALAN.**

15 **TUTUPARIN KO ANG MGA TUNGKULIN NG ISANG**

16 **MAMAMAYANG MAKABAYAN AT MASUNURIN SA BATAS.**

17 **PAGLILINGKURAN KO ANG AKING BAYAN NANG WALANG**

18 **PAGHIMBOT AT NANG BUONG KATAPATAN.**

19 **SISIKAPIN KONG MAGING ISANG TUNAY NA PILIPINO,**

20 **SA ISIP, SA SALITA, AT SA GAWA.**

21 **"THE OATH OF PATRIOTISM SHALL BE RECITED WHILE**
22 **STANDING WITH THE RIGHT HAND WITH THE PALM OPEN**
23 **RAISED SHOULDER HIGH. IT SHALL BE RECITED IN ALL BASIC**
24 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AFTER THE SINGING OF THE**
25 **NATIONAL ANTHEM. INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR RELIGIOUS**
26 **BELIEFS PROHIBIT THEM FROM MAKING SUCH OATH MUST,**
27 **NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE OATH IS BEING**
28 **RENDERED BY STANDING AT ATTENTION."**

[G. FLAG DAYS]

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2 “SEC. [26.]25. *FLAG DAYS.* – The period from May 28
3 (NATIONAL FLAG DAY) to June 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY) of
4 each year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all
5 offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business
6 establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are
7 [enjoined] OBLIGATED to display the flag: *PROVIDED,*
8 *HOWEVER, THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE*
9 *BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES OR RAISED ON FLAGPOLES IN*
10 *FRONT OF SAID BUILDINGS EVERY APRIL 9 (ARAW NG*
11 *KAGITINGAN); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); MAY 28 (NATIONAL*
12 *FLAG DAY) TO JUNE 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY); LAST SUNDAY*
13 *OF AUGUST (NATIONAL HEROES DAY); NOVEMBER 30*
14 *(BONIFACIO DAY); DECEMBER 30 (RIZAL DAY); AND ON SUCH*
15 *OTHER DAYS AS MAY BE DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR*
16 *LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES.”*

17 “SEC. 26. *OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS.* – ALL
18 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED
20 CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE
21 ENJOINED TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY WITH APPROPRIATE
22 CEREMONIES. SOCIO-CIVIC GROUPS, NONGOVERNMENT
23 ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE EXHORTED TO
24 COOPERATE IN MAKING THE CELEBRATION A SUCCESS.”

1 [H. Specifications of the National Flag]

2 "SEC. 27. *FLAG PROPORTIONS.* – The flag shall have the
3 following proportions. The width of the flag, ONE (1); the length
4 of the flag, TWO (2); and the sides of the white triangle, ONE
5 (1)."

6 "SEC. 28. *FLAG TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.* – The
7 technical specifications OF THE FLAG shall be as follows:

8 "The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white
9 color, Cable No. 80001; the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the
10 golden yellow, Cable No. 80068."

11 "SEC. 29. *STANDARDS FOR FLAG REQUISITION.* – In
12 order to establish uniform criteria in the making of our national
13 flag and to guarantee its durability by the use of quality
14 materials, the following standards and procedures shall be
15 observed:

16 "(a) All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine
17 National Flag must be based on strict compliance with the
18 design, color, craftsmanship and material requirements of the
19 [G]Government;

20 "(b) All submitted samples of flags by accredited
21 suppliers offered for purchase for government use shall be
22 evaluated as to design, color and craftsmanship specifications by
23 the [Institute]NHCP, through its Heraldry and Display Section,
24 which shall stamp its approval or disapproval on the canvass
25 reinforcement of the flag sample submitted. The samples shall be
26 sent to the [Institute]NHCP by the requisitioning office, not by
27 the flag supplier; and

1 “(c) The Industrial Technology Development Institute
2 (ITDI) or the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the
3 Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall evaluate
4 the quality of material of all flag samples and certify whether the
5 fabric for the blue, white, red and golden-yellow colors,
6 including the canvass submitted, conforms to government
7 requirement as to quality of the material. The samples shall be
8 sent annually to the ITDI/PTRI by the manufacturer. The
9 laboratory test results shall be submitted by the said office to the
10 [Institute]NHCP.”

11 “SEC. 30. *FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION.* – All deliveries
12 of the flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected
13 by the requisitioning agency’s internal inspector and by the
14 Commission on Audit (COA) using the flag stamped approved
15 by the [Institute]NHCP as reference.

16 “[SEC. 31.]In carrying out [its] THE ABOVE
17 responsibilities [under Section 4 hereof,] the [Institute]NHCP,
18 COA, AND the ITDI/PTRI shall prepare guidelines to be
19 approved by [the Office of the President] ALL THE PARTIES
20 CONCERNED.”

21 “SEC. [32.]31. *STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH*
22 *REQUIREMENTS.* – All government agencies and
23 instrumentalities shall ensure that the requirements under this Act
24 with respect to the standards, requisitions and delivery of the
25 national flag are strictly complied with.”

1 “(4) As a staff or whip;

2 “(5) AS COVERING (F) For unveiling OF monuments or
3 statues; and

4 “(6) As trademarks, or for industrial, commercial or
5 agricultural labels or designs.

6 “(d) To display the flag:

7 “(1) Under any painting or picture;

8 “(2) Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft
9 and be allowed to fall freely;

10 “(3) Below any platform; or

11 “(4) In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs,
12 casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity
13 prevails.

14 “(e) To wear the flag, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS [in whole or
15 in part] as PART OF a costume or [uniform] AS A FASHION
16 ACCESSORY OR MERELY AS A DESIGN ELEMENT; **PROVIDED,**
17 **THAT THE FLAG, SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, MAY BE**
18 **INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE UNIFORM OF FILIPINOS**
19 **REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS,**
20 **CULTURAL OR SCIENTIFIC COMPETITIONS OR OFFICIAL**
21 **FUNCTIONS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NHCP;**

22 “(f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design,
23 drawings, advertisement, or imprint [of any nature] on the
24 flag[:], SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS OR ANY REPRESENTATION
25 THEREFORE;

26 “(g) To print, paint or attach representation of the flag,
27 SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and
28 other articles of merchandise; AND

1 *May dilag ang tula,*
 2 *At awit sa paglayang minamahal.*
 3 *Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y*
 4 *Tagumpay na nagniningning,*
 5 *Ang bituin at araw niya,*
 6 *Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim[.].*
 7 *Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,*
 8 *Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,*
 9 *Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi,*
 10 *Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo."*

11 "SEC. [37.]36. *RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.* –
 12 The rendition of the National Anthem[, whether played or sung,
 13 shall be in accordance with the musical arrangement and
 14 composition of Julian Felipe.] **SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
 15 **THE MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT AND COMPOSITION OF JULIAN**
 16 **FELIPE, IN 2/4 BEAT WHEN PLAYED; AND WITHIN THE RANGE**
 17 **OF 100 TO 120 METRONOME, IN 4/4 BEAT WHEN SUNG. THE**
 18 **NHCP, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PROPER GOVERNMENT**
 19 **AGENCY, SHALL DISSEMINATE AN OFFICIAL MUSIC SCORE**
 20 **SHEET THAT REFLECTS THE MANNER IN WHICH THE NATIONAL**
 21 **ANTHEM SHOULD BE PLAYED OR SUNG."**

22 "SEC. [38.]37. *MANNER OF SINGING THE NATIONAL*
 23 *ANTHEM.* – When the National Anthem is played at a public
 24 gathering, whether by a band [or by singing or both,] or
 25 [reproduced by any means,] **THROUGH THE PLAYING OF A**
 26 **RECORDING IN ANY FORMAT,** the attending public shall sing the
 27 **NATIONAL anthem. The singing SHALL BE MANDATORY AND**
 28 **must be done with fervor.**

1 “As a sign of respect, all persons shall stand at attention
2 and face the Philippine flag, if there is one displayed, and if there
3 is none, they shall face the band or the conductor. At the first
4 note, all persons shall execute a salute by placing the right palms
5 over their left chests. [Those in military, scouting, citizen’s] **THE**
6 **MILITARY AND THOSE IN** military training and security guard
7 uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations.
8 The salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

9 **“INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAITH OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**
10 **PROHIBIT THEM FROM MAKING SUCH PLEDGE MUST,**
11 **NONETHELESS, SHOW FULL RESPECT WHEN THE PLEDGE IS**
12 **BEING RENDERED BY STANDING AT ATTENTION.**

13 “The **NATIONAL** anthem shall not be played and sung
14 [for] **PRECEDING EVENTS OF** mere recreation, amusement or
15 entertainment purposes except on the following occasions:

16 “(a) International competitions where the Philippines is
17 the host or has a representative;

18 “(b) **NATIONAL OR [L]Local SPORTS** competitions;

19 “(c) During the “signing off” and “signing on” of radio
20 broadcasting and television stations;

21 “(d) Before the initial and last screening of films and
22 before the opening of theater performances: **PROVIDED, THAT**
23 **THE OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS**
24 **SHALL BE MANDATED TO ENFORCE PROPER DECORUM AND**
25 **IMPLEMENT THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; and**

26 “(e) Other occasions as may be allowed by the [Institute]
27 **NHCP.”**

[CHAPTER IV]

[THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS]

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3 "SEC. 41. *THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS.* – The
4 National Coat-of-Arms shall have:

5 "[Paleways] FIELD of two (2) pieces, [azure and gules; a
6 chief argent] BLUE WITH AN EAGLE AND RED WITH A LION
7 RAMPART, A WHITE FIELD studded with three (3) [mulletts]
8 STARS equidistant from each other; and, in point of honor,
9 [ovoid argent over all the sun rayonnant with eight minor and
10 lesser rays] WHITE OVAL WITH THE PHILIPPINE SUN AT THE
11 CENTER. Beneath shall be the scroll with the words 'REPUBLIKA
12 NG PILIPINAS,' inscribed thereon."

[CHAPTER V]

[THE GREAT SEAL]

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15 "SEC. 42. *THE GREAT SEAL.* – The Great Seal shall be
16 circular in form, with the arms as described in the preceding
17 section, but without the scroll and the inscription thereon.

18 "Surrounding the whole shall be a double marginal circle
19 within which shall appear the words 'Republika ng Pilipinas.'
20 For the purpose of placing The Great Seal, the color of the arms
21 shall not be deemed essential but tincture representation must be
22 used."

23 [The Great Seal shall also bear the National Motto.]

24 "SEC. 43. *WHERE TO AFFIX THE GREAT SEAL.* – The
25 Great Seal shall be affixed to or placed upon all commissions
26 signed by the President and upon such other official documents
27 and papers of the Republic of the Philippines as may be provided

1 by law, or as may be required by custom and usage. The
2 President shall have custody of the Great Seal.”

3 CHAPTER [VI]IV

4 [OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER] HERALDIC ITEMS

5 AND DEVICES

6 “**SEC. 44. ADOPTION OF HERALDIC AND SIMILAR**
7 **DEVICES.** – Any government entity, including the military, may
8 adopt appropriate **HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES SUCH AS**
9 **MEDALS**, coat-of-arms, administrative seals, logo, insignia,
10 badges, patches, and banners; and initiate awards, citations,
11 orders or decorations; as may be authorized by Congress or the
12 Office of the President.”

13 “**SEC. 45. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS.** – Such
14 heraldic devices and items shall be filed with the
15 [Institute]NHCP for recording and evaluation as to precedence,
16 design, customs and traditions. The [Institute]NHCP shall
17 promulgate the corresponding rules and regulations which shall
18 be submitted for approval to the Office of the President or to
19 Congress.”

20 “**SEC. 46. PURCHASE OF HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES**
21 **FROM ACCREDITED SOURCES.** – All government offices
22 including the military are hereby ordered to purchase all heraldic
23 items and devices from manufacturers accredited and authorized
24 by the [Institute]NHCP. Such items and devices shall be subject
25 to inspection by the purchasing agency’s internal inspector and
26 the COA representative using the design and specifications
27 approved by the Office of the President or by the Congress,
28 through the [Institute]NHCP.”

1 adopted by law, to all private and public schools, as well as the
2 general public.]

3 "SEC. [50.]48. *PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS.* – Any
4 person WHO or ANY juridical entity which violates any of the
5 provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a
6 fine of not less than [Five]FIFTY thousand pesos [(P5,000)]
7 (P50,000.00) nor more than [Twenty]ONE HUNDRED thousand
8 pesos [(P20,000)](P100,000.00) [,] [or] AND by imprisonment
9 for not more than [one (1) year.] TWO (2) YEARS: [or both such
10 fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court: *Provided,*
11 That for any second and additional offenses, both fine and
12 imprisonment shall always be imposed:] *Provided, [further]*
13 That in case the violation is committed by a juridical person, its
14 President or Chief Executive Officer thereof shall be liable.

15 "THE NHCP MAY PRESCRIBE IN THE IMPLEMENTING
16 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT OTHER ACTS OR
17 OMISSIONS WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED DISRESPECTFUL, AND
18 THUS PROHIBITED, RELATIVE TO THE FLAG, NATIONAL
19 ANTHEM, GREAT SEAL, COAT-OF-ARMS, NATIONAL MOTTO, AND
20 OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES."

21 "SEC. 49. *CITIZEN'S ARREST.* – ANY CITIZEN SHALL
22 HAVE THE POWER TO CONDUCT A CITIZEN'S ARREST IF A
23 PERSON IS ACTUALLY VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF
24 THIS ACT IN HIS/HER PRESENCE AND CAN SUMMON ALL LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSIST HIM IN CONDUCTING
26 CITIZEN'S ARREST. ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND USHERS IN
27 MOVIEHOUSES ARE LIKEWISE AUTHORIZED TO ARREST THE
28 VIOLATORS."

CHAPTER [VIII]VI
COMMON PROVISIONS

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3 “SEC. [51.]50. *ISSUANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS*
4 *AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT.* – The [Institute]NHCP shall issue
5 the necessary rules and regulations [to implement the provisions
6 of this Act] within ninety (90) days after [effectivity] **THE**
7 **APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.** The [Institute]NHCP shall submit its
8 rules and regulations to the Office of the President and the
9 Congress of the Philippines.

10 “[SEC. 52.] The [Institute]NHCP shall [also] be
11 responsible for the strict enforcement of the provisions of this
12 Act. It may call upon any government department, agency,
13 office, or government instrumentality, including government
14 corporations, and local government units, for such assistance as
15 it may deem necessary for the effective discharge of its functions
16 under this Act.”

17 [SEC. 53. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, or
18 part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of
19 this Act not otherwise affected shall be valid and subsisting.]

20 “SEC. 51. *SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.* – **IF FOR ANY**
21 **REASON, ANY PORTION OR PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE**
22 **DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, OTHER PARTS OR PROVISIONS**
23 **HEREOF WHICH ARE NOT AFFECTED THEREBY SHALL**
24 **CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.”**

1 [SEC. 54. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential
2 decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction,
3 administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or
4 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,
5 modified, or amended accordingly.]

6 “SEC. 52. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* – ALL LAWS, DECREES,
7 EXECUTIVE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, PART OR
8 PARTS THEREOF, INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
9 THIS ACT, ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED
10 ACCORDINGLY.”

11 SEC. 2. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
12 the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
13 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

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