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- BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, RODRIGUEZ (R.), JAAFAR, MAGSAYSAY (E.), RODRIGUEZ (M.), EVARDONE AND ROMUALDO
- 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:

- SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 54 of Republic Act No. 8491 are hereby
 amended as follows:
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"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 the national virtues and to inculcate in the minds and hearts of our 9 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 the national motto, coat-of-arms and other heraldic items and
 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.;

"[c)](D) 'Flag' shall mean the Philippine National Flag,
unless stated otherwise;

21 "[d)](E) 'Fly' shall mean the part of the flag outside the
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;)]

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

9 "[f](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) **ITEMS/HERALDIC** '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;

"[g](K) 'Hoist' shall mean the part of the flag nearest the 1 2 staff or the canvass to which the halvard is attached; "[h](L) 'Inclement Weather' shall mean that a typhoon 3 signal is raised in the locality A WEATHER CONDITION SUCH AS 4 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: "[i] (M) 'National Anthem' shall mean the Philippine 8 9 National Anthem, ENTITLED 'LUPANG HINIRANG'; "(N) 'NHCP' SHALL MEAN THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL 10 11 **COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES;** 12 "[j](0) "Official Residences" shall mean Malacañang, and other government-owned structures where the President 13 resides, [and other structures occupied by] the Philippine 14 15 Consulates or Embassies abroad, AND OTHER STRUCTURES 16 OCCUPIED BY NATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS; "[k](P) 'Places of Frivolity' shall mean places of hilarity 17 marked by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation; 18 19 and "[(1) 'Institute' shall mean the National Historical 20 21 Institute: 22 "(O) '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;

ł "(R) 'SYMBOL' SHALL MEAN ANY CONVENTIONAL SIGN 2 WHICH **REVEALS MAN'S ACHIEVEMENT AND** HEROISM 3 USUALLY SHOWN OR DISPLAYED IN MEDALS, CITATIONS, 4 ORDERS. AND DECORATIONS OR **IDENTIFICATION** OR 5 AUTHORITY SUCH AS COAT-OF-ARMS, LOGOS AND INSIGNIAS;

6 "(S) 'UNIFORMED SERVICE' SHALL MEAN ALL 7 BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, 8 THOSE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, BUREAU OF 9 JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, BUREAU OF FIRE 10 PROTECTION, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, BUREAU OF 11 CUSTOMS, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, AND OF OTHER 12 AGENCIES USING RANK INSIGNIA;

13 "(T) 'VEXILLARY ITEMS' SHALL MEAN NATIONAL,
14 LOCAL, HOUSE FLAGS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE, INSTITUTIONAL,
15 CORPORATE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL BANNERS; AND

16 "(U) '100 TO 120 METRONOME' SHALL MEAN THE
17 REGULATED AURAL, VISUAL OR TACTILE PULSE TO ESTABLISH
18 A STEADY TEMPO IN THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL
19 ANTHEM."

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 CHAPTER I

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 THE NATIONAL FLAG

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 [A. Design of the National Flag]

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 "SEC. 4. DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL FLAG. – The flag of

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 the Philippines shall be blue, white and red with an eight-rayed

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 golden-yellow sun and three five-pointed stars, as consecrated and

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 honored by the people."

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[B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag]

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

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6 "SEC. 6. WHERE FLAG SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY 7 DISPLAYED. - The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and night throughout the year, in front of the following: [at](A) 8 Malacañang Palace; [the](B) SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES 9 BUILDING; [Congress of the Philippines](C) HOUSE OF 10 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 by the [Institute]NHCP. 23

24 "The flag, ON THE ABOVESTATED PLACES, shall be25 properly illuminated at night."

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

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 (IRP.) 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].

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"On board [naval] SEAFARING vessels, the flag shall be
displayed on the flagstaff at the stern when the ship is at anchor.
The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the ship
is at sea."
"SEC. [10.]9. THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE FIELDS OF THE
FLAG The flag, if [flown from a flagpole,] HOISTED shall have
its blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in
time of war; if in a hanging position, THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE
ON TOP, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in
time of peace, AND THE WHITE FIELD SHALL BE ON TOP, and the
red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war."
[The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at
the top.]
"SEC. [11.]10. FLAGPOLE IN THE OPEN FIELD If
planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place
and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding
position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity. THE
FLAGPOLE STAFF MUST BE STRAIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TAPERING
AT THE TOP.
"If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its
roof or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.
"If on a stage or platform or government office, the flag
shall be at the left OF THE OBSERVER (facing the stage) or the left
of the office upon entering."
"SEC. [12.]11. THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WHEN FLOWN
WITH ANOTHER FLAG When the Philippine flag is flown with
another flag, the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on

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

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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 national15 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.

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

DISPOSAL RITES ON THE WORN OUT FLAG/S [solemnly burned] 1 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 THE NHCP." 6 "SEC. [15.]14. APPROPRIATE TIME FOR FLAG RAISING 7 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." "SEC. [16.]15. MANNER OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG. --11 12 The flag may be displayed: "(a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary OR 13 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 facade 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 blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or 27 pointing north if the road is heading east or west. 28

1	"The flag shall not be raised [when the weather is
2	inclement.] DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. If already raised
3	PRIOR TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, the flag shall not be lowered."
4	"SEC. [17.]16. MANNER OF HOISTING THE FLAG The
5	flag shall be hoisted to the top briskly and lowered
6	ceremoniously.
7	"The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the
8	ground, flood, water or other objects.
9	"After being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded
10	solemnly as part of the ceremony."
11	[C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony]
12	"SEC. [18.]17. FLAG CEREMONY IN PUBLIC OFFICES AND
13	· EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS All government offices and
14	educational institutions shall henceforth observe the flag-raising
15	ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering ceremony
16	every Friday afternoon. The ceremony shall be simple and
17	dignified and shall include the playing [or] AND MANDATORY
18	singing of the Philippine National Anthem."
19	[SEC. 19. The Office of the President upon the
20	recommendation of the Institute shall issue rules and regulations
21	for the proper conduct of the flag ceremony.]
22	"SEC. [20.]18. DIGNITY IN THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG
23	CEREMONY The observance of the flag ceremony in official or
24	civic gatherings shall be simple and dignified and shall include
25	the playing [or] AND MANDATORY singing of the NATIONAL
26	anthem in its original Filipino lyrics and march tempo."

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"SEC. [21.]19, FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY. - During the 1 2 flag-raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation 3 facing the flag. At the moment the first note of the anthem is 4 heard, everyone in the premises shall come to attention; moving 5 vehicles shall stop. All persons present shall place their right 6 palms over their chests, those with hats shall uncover; while those in military, scouting, security guard, and citizens military training 7 8 uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations, 9 which salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

10 "The assembly shall sing the Philippine [n]National
11 [a]Anthem, accompanied by a band, if available, and at the first
12 note, the flag shall be raised briskly.

13 "The same procedure shall be observed when the flag is14 passing in review or in parade."

"SEC. [22.]20. FLAG-LOWERING CEREMONY. - During the
flag lowering, the flag shall be lowered solemnly and slowly so
that the flag shall be down the mast at the sound of the last note of
the NATIONAL anthem. Those in the assembly shall observe the
same deportment or shall observe the same behavior as for the
flag-raising ceremony."

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D. Half-Mast

"SEC. [23.]21. FLAG IN HALF-MAST. - The flag shall be
flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on all the buildings and
places [where it is displayed, as provided for in this Act] WHERE
THE DECEASED WAS HOLDING OFFICE, on the day of official
announcement of the death of any of the following officials:

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"(a) The President or a former President, THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST for ten (10) days; "(b) The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President

of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST for seven (7) days; and

7 "(c) [Other persons to be determined by the Institute,]
8 THE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE
9 CABINET, THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 AND SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE
11 NHCP, THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST for any
12 period less than seven (7) days;

13 [The flag shall be flown at half-mast on all the buildings 14 and places where the decedent was holding office, on the day of 15 death until the day of interment of an incumbent member of the 16 Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the Senate or the House of 17 Representatives, and such other persons as may be determined by 18 the Institute.]

"The flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to
the peak for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The
flag shall again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the
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24 "SEC. [24.]22. FLAG OVER THE CASKET. - The flag may
25 be used to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military,
26 veterans of previous wars, national artists, and of civilians who
27 have rendered distinguished service to the nation, as may be
28 determined by the local government unit concerned. In such

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	PAGIIMBOT 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]

"SEC. [26.]25. FLAG DAYS. - The period from May 28 2 (NATIONAL FLAG DAY) to June 12 (INDEPENDENCE DAY) of 3 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 [enjoined] OBLIGATED to display the flag: 7 **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 KAGITINGAN); MAY 1 (LABOR DAY); MAY 28 (NATIONAL 11 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."

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17 "SEC. 26. OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAYS. ALL 18 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND 19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES. **GOVERNMENT-OWNED** 20CORPORATIONS 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 [Institute]NHCP." 10

"SEC. 30. FLAG PURCHASE INSPECTION. - All deliveries
of the flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected
by the requisitioning agency's internal inspector and by the
Commission on Audit (COA) using the flag stamped approved
by the [Institute]NHCP as reference.

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

21 "SEC. [32.]31. STRICT **COMPLIANCE** WITH 22 **REOUIREMENTS.** 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."

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"SEC. 33. 32. FLAG REQUISITION BUDGET. - All 1 2 departments, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the 3 government, government-owned or -controlled corporations, 4 local government units, including barangays, shall include in 5 their annual budgets the necessary outlay for the purchase of the national flag. 6 "FURTHERMORE, ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE

7 8 DIRECTED TO ALLOCATE APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR A FLAG 9 CODE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE PROPER 10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FLAG CODE."

I. Prohibited Acts "SEC. [34.]33. PROHIBITED ACTS. - It shall 12 be 13 prohibited:

"(a) To mutilate, deface, defile, trample on or cast 14 15 contempt or commit any act or omission casting dishonor or 16 ridicule upon the flag, [or over its surface;] ANTHEM, SEAL, 17 MOTTO, COAT-OF-ARMS, AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND 18 DEVICES;

19 "(b) To dip the flag to any person or object by way of 20 compliment or salute:

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"(c) To use the flag:

"(1) As [a] drapery, festoon, tablecloth;

23 "(2) As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other 24 objects;

"(3) As [a pennant] DRAPERY in the hood, side, back 25 26 and top of motor vehicles; ALL CLOTH FLAGS SHOULD BE 27 DISPLAYED FREELY WAVING IN THE AIR;

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

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1	[h) To display in public any foreign flag, except in
2	embassies and other diplomatic establishments, and in offices of
3	international organizations;
4	"[i)](H) To use[,] OR display THE FLAG, SEAL,
5	COAT-OF-ARMS, or be part of any advertisement or infomercial [;]
6	WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE NHCP [and]."
7	[j) To display the flag in front of buildings or offices
8	occupied by aliens.]
9	CHAPTER II
10	THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
11	"SEC. [35.]34. TITLE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM The
12	National Anthem is entitled Lupang Hinirang."
13	"SEC. [36.]35. LANGUAGE AND LYRICS OF THE
14	NATIONAL ANTHEM The National Anthem shall always be
15	sung in the national language within or [without] OUTSIDE the
16	country. The following shall be the lyrics of the National
17	Anthem:
18	"Bayang magiliw,
19	Perlas ng Silanganan,
20	Alab ng puso,
21	Sa dibdib moʻy buhay.
22	Lupang hinirang,
23	Duyan ka ng magiting,
24	Sa manlulupig,
25	Di ka pasisiil.
26	Sa dagat at bundok,
27	Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,

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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."
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"SEC. [37.]36. *RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.* – The rendition of the National Anthem[, whether played or sung,

13 shall be in accordance with the musical arrangement and composition of Julian Felipe.] SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 14 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 NHCP, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PROPER GOVERNMENT 18 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 MILITARY AND THOSE IN military training and security guard 6 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 [for] PRECEDING EVENTS OF mere recreation, amusement or 14 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; "(c) During the "signing off" and "signing on" of radio 19

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]

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27 NHCP."

"SEC. [39.]38. STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR 1 2 THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. - All officials and 3 employees of the national and local governments, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned 4 5 or -controlled corporations, privately-owned entities or offices 6 displaying the national flag and government institutions of 7 learning are hereby directed to comply strictly with the rules 8 prescribed for the rendition of the anthem. Failure to observe the 9 rules shall be a ground for administrative discipline."

10 "SEC. 39. OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATION REGULATION 11 AGENCIES. - THE DEPED, THE CHED AND THE TESDA SHALL 12 ENSURE THAT THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS ADOPTED BY LAW, 13 SHALL BE COMMITTED TO MEMORY BY ALL STUDENTS OF 14 BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND 15 PERFORMED DURING THE FLAG CEREMONY CONDUCTED IN 16 ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY 17 THE NHCP. IN ADDITION, THEY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THE 18 VOCAL, PIANO OR BAND SCORES OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, 19 AS ADOPTED BY LAW, TO ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 20 AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

21 CHAPTER III
22 THE NATIONAL MOTTO, THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS
23 AND THE GREAT SEAL
24 "SEC. 40. THE NATIONAL MOTTO. - The National Motto
25 shall be 'MAKA-DIYOS, MAKA-TAO, MAKAKALIKASAN

26 AT MAKABANSA'."

1	[CHAPTER IV]
2	[THE NATIONAL COAT-OF-ARMS]
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) [mullets]
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."
13	[CHAPTER V]
14	[THE GREAT SEAL]
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." CHAPTER [VI]IV 3 OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS 4 5 AND DEVICES б "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 **REOUIREMENTS.** 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	[SEC. 47. No government official or employee shall
2	accept any order or decoration from any foreign government
3	without the consent of Congress, and without the prior evaluation
4	and documentation of such order or decoration by the Institute.]
5	CHAPTER [VII]V
6	PENALTIES
7	"SEC. [48.]47. PUBLIC CENSURE/CANCELLATION OF
8	PERMIT Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this
9	Act; and any violation of the corresponding rules and regulations
10	issued by the [Office of the President,]NHCP shall after proper
11	notice and hearing, shall be penalized by public censure which
12	shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general
13	circulation.
14	"The Department of Education [Culture and Sports]
15	(DEPED) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
16	upon the recommendation of the [Institute]NHCP and after

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proper notice and hearing, shall cause the cancellation of the
recognition or permit of any private educational institution which
fails or refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for the
second time."

21 ["SEC. 49. - The Department of Education, Culture and 22 Sports (DECS) and the Commission on Higher Education shall 23 ensure that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be 24 committed to memory by all students of both public and private 25 educational institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony 26 conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by 27 the Office of the President. In addition, they shall make available 28 the vocal, piano or band scores of the National Anthem, as

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

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

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 HAVE THE POWER TO CONDUCT A CITIZEN'S ARREST IF A 22 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.**"

1	CHAPTER [VIII]VI
2	COMMON PROVISIONS
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."

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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."

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

Approved,