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#### AN ACT

## CREATING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FILIPINO WOMEN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "National Museum of
 Filipino Women Act".

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# SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to: a) Acknowledge the remarkable contributions of women to economic progress and nation building and the preservation and promotion of the Filipino way of life;

- b) Celebrate women whose various individual and collective actions
  significantly advanced the national effort to conquer inequality,
  discrimination, and deprivation;
- c) Raise awareness on and build an appreciation of history and the role
  that women have played in its making;
- 12 d) Honor the heroism of women who played a significant role in the 13 national struggle against colonialism and foreign invasion;
- e) Commemorate modern-day heroines and women martyrs who
   struggled against injustice, oppression, and exploitation, especially
   during the Martial Law era in the Philippines;
- f) Acknowledge the suffering borne by women who were coerced into
  sexual slavery during World War II and support their call for reparation
  and justice; and
- g) Honor individual women, including women and girls with disabilities,
  whose specific achievements have caused a positive impact on and
  enriched all aspects of Filipino life.

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SEC. 3. Creation. – To carry out the above policy, the National Museum of
 Filipino Women is hereby created and established under the administration and
 supervision of the Philippine Commission on Women.

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4 **SEC. 4.** *Organization, Operation and Administration.* – The Philippine 5 Commission on Women shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget 6 and Management, determine the organizational structure and operational 7 requirements of the National Museum of Filipino Women, and ensure that 8 consultative mechanisms are integrated in its institutional planning and development.

9 **SEC. 5.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after 10 the approval of this Act, the Philippine Commission on Women shall, in consultation 11 with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National Museum of the 12 Philippines, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Commission on 13 Human Rights, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Education and at 14 least three (3) women's and civil society organizations, formulate rules and 15 regulations as may be necessary for its proper implementation.

16 **SEC. 6.** *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the immediate 17 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations 18 Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, a provision or section of this
 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions not affected
 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

22 **SEC. 8.** *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, 23 proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof, 24 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified 25 accordingly.

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SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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