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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Baybayin" refers to all existing and discovered ancient and traditional scripts of the indigenous peoples of the Philippines. It is important to emphasize the continuing tradition of script writing among a few remaining indigenous communities as scripts are connected to language and literature.

Some government offices and agencies, such the National Museum, the Komisyon Sa Wikang Filipino, the National Library, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Record Management and Archive Office, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and the Cultural center of the Philippines, have already incorporated Baybayin in their official logos.

All government agencies and offices must take the lead to further promote Filipino culture and traditions, strengthen Filipino identity, and instill the same in everyday life. The logos and seals of government agencies and offices should not only reflect the emblems of their functions and duties but also its pride in Filipino heritage and traditions.

In view of the forgoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF BAYBAYIN IN ALL OFFICIAL LOGOS OF
ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT AND OFFICES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short title.* This Act shall be known as the “Baybayin Act of 2014”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State:

1. To give priority to culture to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development;
2. To recognize that the culture is a unifying, humanizing and modernizing agent of any society ; and
3. To promote the National Language of the country while enhancing the linguistic diversity of the Philippines;

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms:*

- a. “Baybayin” shall refer to all existing and discovered ancient and traditional scripts of the indigenous peoples of the Philippines;
- b. “Logo” for purposes of this Act shall refer to a symbol or other small design adopted by a government agency, department or office to identify itself

SECTION 4. *Use of Baybayin in Official Logos*

- a. All government agencies, departments and offices are mandated to incorporate Baybayin in their official logos.
- b. The National Museum, as the repository of information on Baybayin, shall make available to all government offices, departments and agencies, a catalogue of the scripts from which the offices, departments and agencies, may refer to for the creation of their appropriate logos;
- c. The Office of the President shall ensure the compliance with the Act, and shall receive the revised logos of agencies, departments and offices.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executives orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act shall be declared, unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effort.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) papers of general circulation.

Approved


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