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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an Institute of Living Traditions in order to:

- Ensure the viability of the outstanding traditions of arts and crafts in many cultural communities, with priority given to worthy practices in danger of extinction.
- Promote equality of participation in the creative process and productive work.
- Prioritize emphasis on the preservation of intangible heritage or the creative inner life over mere collection or repository of objects
- Uphold the multi-valuation of human activities and products rather than judge everything according to economic valuation

Living traditions are symbols that would remind us of who we are as a people. They are representations of who we are as a nation which we could latch on and our people should remain tethered to. If only for this we should pour in our efforts to ensure that they remain vibrant in our country's consciousness.

We are a beautiful and dynamic people. The Philippine archipelago has a great creative diversity and richness of cultures. From ritual vessels to hunting tools, textiles to pottery, and epic poetry to rhythmic dances and music, we witness a plethora of patterns and designs, an endless variety of expressive forms. These are worth preserving and protecting.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN
(INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS) TO ENSURE THE
PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
COUNTRY'S COMMUNAL TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066 OR THE NATIONAL
CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009" is hereby amended with the addition of a new Article after Section 47, in order to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN

SECTION 48. CREATION OF LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS). – THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AND ESTABLISHED A LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS) WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT CENTER AND LABORATORY FOR THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE COMMUNAL TRADITIONS.

SECTION 49. FUNCTION - AS THE SOLE INSTITUTE FOR TECHNICAL, BASIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL, IT SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE

ARTS (NCCA) FOR POLICY AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITH SOLE EMPHASIS ON THE TRADITIONAL AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS.

SECTION 50. CONVERGENCE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. – IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CORE COURSES AND AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, THE NCCA SHALL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. THE NCCA SHALL ENDEAVOR TO WORK WITH PRIVATE pINSTITUTIONS IN THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS FUNCTION AS THE CENTER AND LABORATORY FOR PHILIPPINE COMMUNAL TRADITIONS.

SECTION 51. MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS OF LIVING TRADITIONS. – AS AN ATTACHED OFFICE OF THE NCCA, THE INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS SHALL BE IN CHARGE IN THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS OF LIVING TRADITIONS.

SECTION 52. APPROPRIATIONS. – THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P100,000,000.00) NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE APPROPRIATED IMMEDIATELY TO BE GENERATED FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY.

SECTION 2. All succeeding sections after the insertion of the new provision are hereby numbered accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.