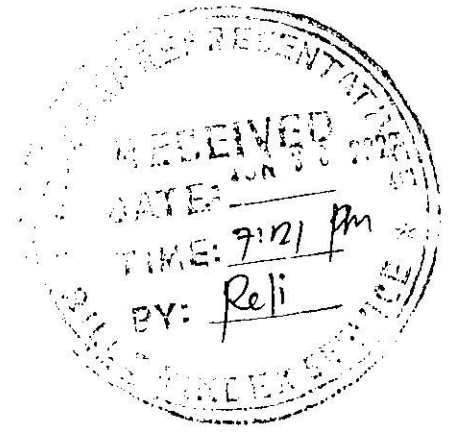


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House Bill No. **595**



Introduced by **REP. MARJORIE ANN A. TEODORO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the National Filipino Women's Museum to honor the significant contributions of our women in their fight towards equality and justice, as well as those who brought impact to the lives of Filipino people.

In olden times, women were regarded as important in nation-building but were not afforded the same rights as men. They were denied the right to vote, to education, to health services, and to political participation as they were perceived as only part of the household. However, women started to comprehend their significance, not only to their families but also to themselves. They believed in equality and social justice to the point of creating a mark in Philippine history.

In our Philippine museums, men are highly regarded like our national hero, Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Aguinaldo, and Apolinario Mabini, but give little acknowledgement to our female heroes. We must not forget our fellow female fighters: Gabriela Silang who lead the uprising against a foreign power, Melchora Aquino, popularly known, as Tandang Sora who is known as the Mother of Revolution, Josefa Llanes Escoda who pioneered the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, and Teresa Magbanua who fought against the Spaniards and became the commander of the northern Zone in the province of Iloilo. They are our inspirations for our fight against all kinds of social injustices. Their contributions brought impact to our social interaction, political participation, working environment and conditions, marital rights, and essentially our magna carta.

These are just some of the women who have greatly contributed to our Philippine history and are globally acknowledged. As times progress, we must always be reminded of how powerful and mighty women are.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FILIPINO WOMEN'S MUSEUM, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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 Filipino Women’s Museum Act of 2022”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared policy of the State to recognize the role of women in nation-building by continuously empowering and celebrating their contributions. Over the years, women have proven to be a key element to the progress of one’s society as they have fought for their rights against all kinds of social injustices.

The State further acknowledges the right of women to equality, impartiality, and wealth to life as they have given life and reared the future of our country.

SEC. 3. Establishment of National Filipino Women’s Museum. – In line with the policy mentioned herein, the National Filipino Women’s Museum is hereby created and established to

honor women who have offered significant contributions to Philippine history and to the country's development.

SEC. 4. Organization, Operation and Administration. – The Organization, Operation and Administration shall be patterned after the organization, operation and administration established, mandated, and practiced by the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) and other appropriate agencies.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budget of NCCA. Thereafter, such sums necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in their annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – NCCA, in consultation with Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. - All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,