



**Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7478



Introduced by Representative Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize the role of Filipino Women and how they have made significant contributions to economic progress, nation-building, and preservation of the Filipino way of life. Their actions have advanced the national effort to conquer inequality, discrimination, and deprivation.

To this end, this measure creates the National Museum of Filipino Women under the administration and supervision of the Philippine Commission on Women.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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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".

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;
- d) Honor the heroism of women who played a significant role in the 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

1 g) Honor individual women, including women and girls with
2 disabilities, whose specific achievements have caused a positive
3 impact on and enriched all aspects of Filipino life.

4 **SEC. 3. *Creation.*** – To carry out the above policy, the National Museum of
5 Filipino Women is hereby created and established under the administration and
6 supervision of the Philippine Commission on Women.
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8 **SEC. 4. *Organization, Operation and Administration.*** – The Philippine
9 Commission on Women shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget
10 and Management, determine the organizational structure and operational
11 requirements of the National Museum of Filipino Women, and ensure that
12 consultative mechanisms are integrated in its institutional planning and
13 development.
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15 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days
16 after the approval of this Act, the Philippine Commission on Women shall, in
17 consultation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National
18 Museum of the Philippines, National Historical Commission of the Philippines,
19 Commission on Human Rights, Commission on Higher Education, Department
20 of Education and at least three (3) women’s and civil society organizations,
21 formulate rules and regulations as may be necessary for its proper
22 implementation.
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24 **SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the immediate
25 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General
26 Appropriations Act.
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28 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, a provision or section of
29 this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions not
30 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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32 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
33 proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof,
34 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
35 accordingly.
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37 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
38 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,