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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **10953**



Introduced by Representative Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the National Filipino Women's Museum to honor the significant contributions of Filipino women in their fight for equality and justice, as well as those who have made a lasting impact on the lives of the Filipino people.

Throughout our history, women have played an indispensable role in nation-building, even as they were long denied the same rights, opportunities, and recognition afforded to men. It was through their courage and resolve that many of the freedoms we now enjoy — the right to vote, to education, to health services, and to full participation in public life — were secured.

Our national museums rightly honor heroes such as Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Aguinaldo, and Apolinario Mabini, yet give far less space to the women who stood alongside them and, in many cases, led the way: Gabriela Silang, who led an uprising against a foreign power; Melchora Aquino, popularly known as Tandang Sora, the Mother of the Revolution; Josefa Llanes Escoda, who pioneered the Girl Scouts of the Philippines; and Teresa Magbanua, who commanded the northern zone of Iloilo against the Spaniards. Their contributions shaped our social, political, and working conditions, our marital rights, and the very foundations of our laws.

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 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 Filipino Women's Museum Act of 2026."

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 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 of the National Filipino Women's Museum shall be patterned after the organization, operation, and administration established, mandated, and practiced by the National Commission for Culture and the 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 the NCCA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in its annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SEC. 7. 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. 8. 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. 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,