HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10330

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

g) Honor individual women, including women and girls with disabilities, whose specific achievements have caused a positive impact on and enriched all aspects of Filipino life.
SEC. 3. Creation. – To carry out the above policy, the National Museum of Filipino Women is hereby created and established under the administration and supervision of the Philippine Commission on Women.

SEC. 4. Organization, Operation and Administration. – The Philippine Commission on Women shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, determine the organizational structure and operational requirements of the National Museum of Filipino Women, and ensure that consultative mechanisms are integrated in its institutional planning and development.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the Philippine Commission on Women shall, in consultation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National Museum of the Philippines, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Commission on Human Rights, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Education and at least three (3) women’s and civil society organizations, formulate rules and regulations as may be necessary for its proper implementation.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, a provision or section of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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,