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## Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALINGA HERITAGE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10561 declared the Province of Kalinga in the Cordillera Region as a Tourism Development Area. It has a rich cultural heritage that has been passed down through the years, however, no official repository exists to house its historical items, artifacts, and relics of the past. There is no established institution to compile, preserve, display and disseminate information about Kalinga's culture, literature, origin, religious practices and all other pertinent documents, and articles depicting the culture and history of the land and people of Kalinga.

This bill therefore aims to establish a Kalinga Museum and Cultural Center in the City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga, to serve as an institutional medium for the collection, preservation and enhancement of the cultural, artistic, archaeological, social and religious heritage of the people of Kalinga. This project may be undertaken as a cooperative undertaking of the Provincial Government of Kalinga and other private institutions in coordination with the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Museum.

For the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a heritage museum and cultural center in the City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga, to be known as Kalinga Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. It shall serve as the institutional medium for the collection, preservation, and enhancement of the cultural, artistic, archaeological, social, historical, religious and philosophical heritage of the Kalinga land and its people in view of the richness of their legacies and of their relevance to their contemporary and future aspirations.

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9 **SEC. 2.** The Kalinga Heritage Museum and Cultural Center shall be supervised 10 by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and, in cooperation with 11 concerned public and private institutions with similar orientation or interest in its affairs, 12 seek technical assistance or obtain grants, endowments or donations in cash or in kind, 13 to enable it to carry out and discharge its duties and functions effectively.

- SEC. 3. To implement its activities and functions, the Kalinga Heritage Museumand Cultural Center shall:
  - a. Compile musical notes and lyrics of Kalinga traditional songs, ballads, and contemporary music compositions, and collect samples of musical instruments of Kalinga origin, design, and creation;
  - b. Publish and disseminate Kalinga literary works, epics, stories, and historical accounts;

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c. Compile Kalinga literature, film, or audio-visual recordings of cultural 1 performances in music, dance, oral literature, and festival celebration; 2 3 d. Compile Kalinga epigrams, proverbs, legends, and the origin and 4 etymology of Kalinga words, names of barangays, municipalities and other 5 places of interests and their respective histories; 6 7 8 e. Gather and document Kalinga religious practices and traditions, and the background and origin of Kalinga fiestas and festivals; 9 10 f. Compile photographs of and showcase by appropriate exhibits, Kalinga 11 landmarks, historical sites and scenic views, and acquire and display 12 varied range of Kalinga arts and artifacts; 13 14 g. Gather specimens of archaeological findings, collect stones, rocks, and 15 16 other geological materials, and preserve by appropriate methods samples of flora and fauna indigenous to the Kalinga region. 17 18 19 **SEC. 4.** The Provincial Government of Kalinga shall provide the land necessary for the construction and establishment of the main venue and ancillary offices and 20 21 facilities of the Kalinga Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. 22 SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be 23 charged against the current year's budget of the National Commission for Culture and 24 the Arts (Proper). Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued 25 implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. 26 27 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA, in 28 coordination with concerned agencies of the government, shall promulgate the 29 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. 30 31 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the 32 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. 33

Approved,