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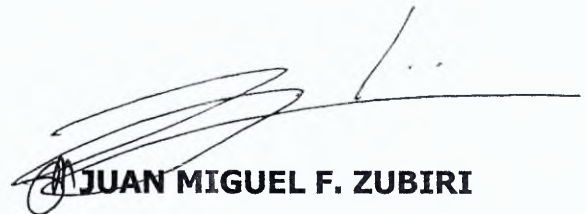
Cancer is a national health priority that has a great effect in the lives of our people. It is a leading cause of death worldwide causing 10 million deaths in 2020, or nearly one in six deaths. From January to February of 2022, cancer is the third leading cause of death in the country, accounting for 3,881 recorded cases.

Being diagnosed with cancer does not have to be a death sentence. There had been a lot of developments in the medical field and many types of cancer have a high chance of being cured if it is diagnosed at the early stage and is treated properly. A lot of Filipinos can be given a higher chance of surviving this highly deadly disease if we have a specialized medical institution that will be equipped with all the proper facilities and equipment for the treatment of cancer.

This bill seeks to establish a National Cancer Center of the Philippines (NCCP), which would serve as the primary medical institution specializing in cancer, its treatment and prevention. The NCCP shall also be the center for medical and scientific research on cancer and training and development of medical professionals on the disease.

The establishment of the NCCP greatly help in preventing the loss of more lives to cancer and give better access to treatment and other medical services to cancer patients.

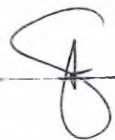
In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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

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2 **SEC. 1. Short Title** – This Act shall be known as the “The National Cancer Center
3 of the Philippines (NCCP) Act.”
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5 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy** – The State shall establish, maintain and ensure
6 adequate health services to guarantee the well-being of every Filipino.
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8 **SEC. 3. Creation of the Philippine Cancer Center.** – The National Cancer
9 Center of the Philippines (NCCP) is hereby created under the supervision of the
10 Department of Health.
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12 **SEC. 4. Purpose and Objective.** – The NCCP shall have the following purpose
13 and objectives;

14 (a) To construct, establish, equip, maintain, administer and operate such
15 integrated medical institution or institutions that shall specialize in the
16 prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation and/or relief of cancer in
17 all its kinds and forms;

18 (b) To promote medical and scientific research relative to the prevention and
19 treatment of cancer;

- 1 (c) To conduct a fact-finding investigations on cancer and related fields throughout
2 the country or elsewhere, and to report, publish and disseminate information
3 on cancer;
- 4 (d) To finance, sponsor, hold or participate in congresses, conventions,
5 conferences, seminars, workshops and training programs on cancer and/or
6 related fields in the Philippines or abroad;
- 7 (e) To encourage and assist in the education and training of physicians, nurses,
8 health officers, social workers and medical and technical personnel in the
9 practical and scientific implementation of services to cancer patients;
- 10 (f) To assist universities, hospitals and research institutions in their studies on
11 cancer and other related fields, to encourage and grant scholarships for
12 advanced training and specialization in oncology and related fields, and to
13 support educational programs of value to general public health; and
- 14 (g) To stimulate the formation of other organizations on the national, provincial,
15 city and/or local levels, and to coordinate the various efforts and activities of
16 such organization for the purpose of achieving a more effective approach to
17 the common problem relative to the purposes and objectives enumerated
18 herein.

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20 **SEC. 5. Powers of the NCCP.** – The NCCP is a body corporate acting through
21 its Board of Trustees which shall have the following powers and functions in addition to
22 those provided for in other sections of this Act:

- 23 (a) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- 24 (b) To sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- 25 (c) To adopt its by-laws, rules and regulations as it may deem proper and
26 necessary for implementation of the purposes and objectives of this Act;
- 27 (d) To succeed by its corporate name, and to acquire and possess properties rights
28 and interests of whatever kind and nature, and mortgage, pledge, alienate,
29 encumber or otherwise dispose of the same;
- 30 (e) To award, enter into, make, execute, perform and carry out domestic or foreign
31 contracts of whatever kind and nature;
- 32 (f) To invest in, and purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, use, lease, grant,
33 mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, convey, transfer, exchange or otherwise deal
34 with, real and/or personal properties of every kind and nature, including shares
35 of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, securities and other evidences of

1 indebtedness or obligations of other corporations, whether domestic or foreign,
2 and whether government or private;

3 (g) To obtain loans, borrow funds, and/or arrange financing or credit assistance of
4 whatever kind and nature from all sources, whether domestic or foreign and
5 whether government or private, and to mortgage, pledge or otherwise
6 encumber any of its properties, and assets for the purpose of securing or
7 guaranteeing the performance or fulfillment of any obligations it may undertake
8 for itself or for other entities in which it may be interested;

9 (h) To levy, assess and collect such fees, charges and assessments as may be
10 necessary or proper to support, finance and maintain its operations; and

11 (i) To exercise such other power and functions as may be incidental or necessary
12 to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act.

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14 **SEC. 6. Board of Trustees.** – The NCCP shall be governed and its activities and
15 properties to be directed, controlled and managed, by a Board of Trustees, which shall
16 be composed of a Chairman and six (6) members, all of whom to be appointed by the
17 President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Department of Health.

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19 The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for a period of four (4) years
20 Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board, the person appointed to fill the vacancy
21 shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member.

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23 The President of the Philippines shall appoint the Chairman of the Board of
24 Trustees who shall be the Presiding Officer of the Board. The Medical Director of the
25 NCCP shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

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27 Four (4) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact
28 business and any decision of such four (4) members on a matter duly presented to the
29 Board of Trustees shall constitute a valid and binding act of the National Cancer Center
30 of the Philippines.

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32 **SEC. 7. Power and Functions of the Board.** – The Board shall have the
33 following powers and functions:

34 (a) To formulate policies, guidelines and programs to effectively implement and
35 carry out the purposes and objectives of this Decree;

- 1 (b) To prescribe, review and revise the amount of the fees, charges, and
2 assessments levied and collected for the support and maintenance of the
3 operations of the NCCP;
- 4 (c) To control the management, operation, and administration of the NCCP;
- 5 (d) To promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for
6 the effective exercise of power and functions as well as the discharge of duties,
7 responsibilities of the NCCP, its officers and employees;
- 8 (e) To authorize such expenditures of the NCCP as may be necessary or proper for
9 the effective management, operation and administration of the NCCP;
- 10 (f) Upon the recommendation of the President of the NCCP, to determine and
11 organize the NCCP's organizational and administrative structure or pattern, and
12 to establish and fix, review, revise and adjust the appropriate compensation
13 scheme of the officers and employees of the NCCP, with reasonable allowances,
14 bonuses and other incentives as may be recommended by the President of the
15 NCCP;
- 16 (g) To adopt the annual and supplemental budget of receipts and expenditures of
17 the NCCP;
- 18 (h) To appoint, remove, suspend or otherwise discipline the officers of the NCCP
19 occupying executive and senior management positions;
- 20 (i) To exercise all the general powers necessary or incidental to the attainment of
21 the purposes and objectives of this Act; and
- 22 (j) To do any and all acts as may be necessary or proper for the attainment of the
23 powers and functions of the NCCP.
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25 **SEC. 8. Government Contribution.** – The Government shall contribute the
26 necessary land, building, equipment, and facilities to the National Cancer Center of the
27 Philippines.

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29 **SEC. 9. Property of the Center.** The property of the National Cancer Center of
30 the Philippines shall consist of such real, personal, mixed, and other type of property,
31 now owned and reserved for, or may hereafter be given, donated, acquired, transferred
32 or conveyed to the National Cancer Center of the Philippines by the government, its
33 branches and instrumentalities, any foreign government, as well as by trust, foundations,
34 corporations, or persons, alien or domestic, in order to carry out its purposes and
35 objectives as set forth herein.

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1 **SEC. 10. *Tax Exemption on Donations.*** – All donations, contributions, or
2 endowment which may be made by entities or persons to the National Cancer Center of
3 the Philippines shall be exempt from income and gift taxes.

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5 The National Cancer Center of the Philippines shall be exempt from the payment
6 of taxes, charges and fees imposed by the government or any political subdivision or
7 instrumentality thereof.

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9 **SEC. 11. *Assistance from Government Offices.*** – The National Cancer Center
10 of the Philippines may call upon any department, bureau, offices, and agency or
11 instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled
12 corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the pursuit of purposes and objectives.

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14 **SEC. 12. *Appropriations.*** The amount of one billion pesos is hereby
15 appropriated for the initial operation of the National Cancer Center of the Philippines
16 which shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Health under the
17 current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the necessary amount to support the
18 continued operation and maintenance of the National Cancer Center of the Philippines
19 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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21 **SEC. 13. *Auditing.*** The books of accounts of the National Cancer Center of the
22 Philippines shall be subject to periodic auditing by the Commission on Audit.

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24 **SEC. 14. *Annual Report.*** The National Cancer Center of the Philippines shall
25 render to the Department of Health an annual report on its operations and
26 accomplishments.

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28 **SEC. 15. *Effect of Dissolution.*** – If for any reason, the National Cancer Center
29 of the Philippines is dissolved, its properties and assets remaining at the time of such
30 dissolution shall revert to the Philippine Government for disposition in accordance with
31 the law.

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33 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
34 unconstitutional the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

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1 **SEC. 17. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations
2 and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed
3 or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 18. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
6 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 *Approved,*