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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Baybayin" refers to all existing and discovered ancient and traditional scripts of the indigenous peoples of the Philippines. It is important to emphasize the continuing tradition of script writing among a few remaining indigenous communities as scripts are connected to language and literature.

Some government offices and agencies, such as the National Museum, the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, the National Library, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Records Management and Archives Office, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and the Cultural Center of the Philippines, have already incorporated baybayin in their official logos.

All government agencies and offices must take the lead to further promote Filipino culture and traditions, strengthen Filipino identity, and instill the same in everyday life. The logos and seals of government agencies and offices should not only reflect the emblems of their functions and duties but also its pride in Filipino heritage and traditions.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.




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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF BAYBAYIN IN ALL OFFICIAL LOGOS  
OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Baybayin Act of 2013"

2           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State:

- 3           1. To give priority to culture to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate  
4           social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;  
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6           2. To recognize that culture is a unifying, humanizing and modernizing agent of  
7           any society; and  
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9           3. To promote the national language of the country while enhancing the  
10          linguistic diversity of the Philippines;

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12          **SEC. 3. Definition of Terms:**

- 13          a. "Baybayin" shall refer to all existing and discovered ancient and traditional  
14          scripts of the indigenous peoples of the Philippines;  
15          b. "Logo" for purposes of this Act shall refer to a symbol or other small design  
16          adopted by a government agency, department or office to identify itself

17          **SEC. 4. Use of Baybayin in Official Logos**

- 18          a. All government agencies, departments and offices are mandated to  
19          incorporate Baybayin in their official logos.  
20          b. The National Museum, as the repository of information on Baybayin, shall  
21          make available to all government offices, departments and agencies, a  
22          catalogue of the scripts from which the offices, departments, and agencies  
23          may refer to for the creation of their appropriate logos;  
24          c. The Office of the President shall ensure compliance with the Act, and shall  
25          receive the revised logos of agencies, departments and offices.

26          **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations  
27          and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,  
28          amended or modified accordingly.

29          **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared  
30          unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full  
31          force and effect.

32          **SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its  
33          publication in at least two (2) papers of general circulation.

Approved,