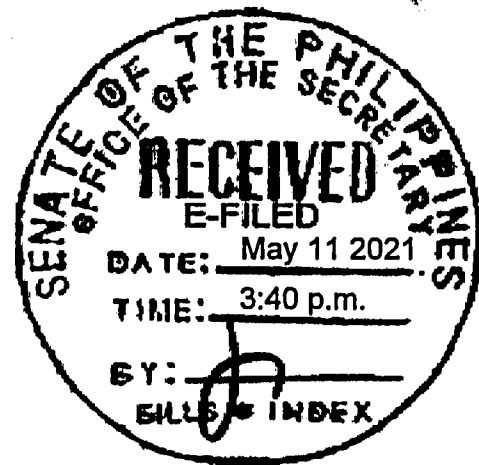


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of our Constitution states that, "*The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.*" The Constitution further mandates that the, "*State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.*"

This bill therefor proposes the preservation, conservation, and protection of the historical sites and cultural heritage of the City of Malabon through its designation as a cultural heritage zone. Malabon City is known as the Venice of the Philippines because it is traversed by eleven (11) rivers. The area was barely harmed by the heavy bombings during World War II, old Spanish structures are still present, some have been maintained, while others remain raw and untouched.

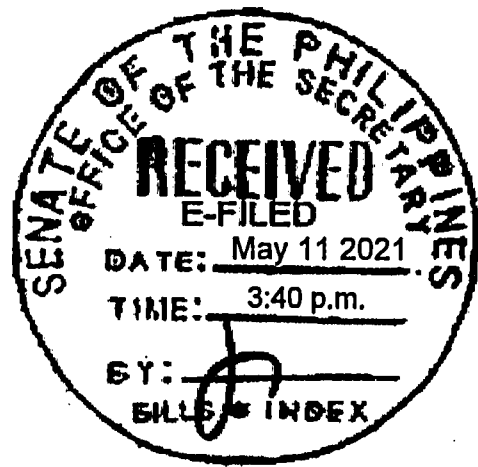
Furthermore, this measure proposes to instill patriotism and nationalism to every Malabonian through the promotion of the symbols and significance of our historic and cultural sites, among others. This will also encourage the civic participation of every Malabonian through programs that would promote and enhance the cultural, artistic, and historical heritage of Malabonian City.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** A Heritage Zone, as defined and provided for under Article II,
2 Section 3(g) and Article IV, Sections 12 and 13 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10066,
3 otherwise known as the "*National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009*," is hereby established
4 within the City of Malabon, Metropolitan Manila in order to protect the historical and
5 cultural integrity of the area.

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7 The Heritage Zone shall include the cultural properties declared as National
8 Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties, National Historical Landmarks,
9 Shrines, Monuments, and Sites, and such other immovable, movable or intangible
10 cultural properties whether publicly or privately owned, as may be later designated for
11 inclusion by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated
12 cultural agencies, in coordination with other concerned government agencies and the
13 City Government of Malabon.

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15 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA, its
16 affiliated cultural agencies, and the City Government of Malabon, in coordination with
17 other concerned government agencies, shall conduct and execute a cultural mapping
18 to determine the inventory of cultural properties for inclusion as well as the metes and
19 bounds of the Heritage Zone. Thereafter, a series of public consultations shall likewise
20 be conducted to review the data that will be collected and to present feedbacks from
21 the undertaking.

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23 **SEC. 3.** The City Government of Malabon shall, upon the recommendations and
24 stipulations made for the purpose by the NCCA, pass a city ordinance to operationalize
25 appropriately the management of its Heritage Zone, including all the cultural

1 properties designated as intrinsic thereto, in line with the objectives and provisions of
2 R.A.10066 and this.

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4 **SEC. 4.** The preservation, protection, study, and promotion of the cultural and
5 historical integrity of the geographical area represented by the Heritage Zone shall
6 receive priority attention, assistance, and funding from the NCCA, its affiliated cultural
7 agencies, and from the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies.

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9 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall,
10 in coordination with concerned cultural agencies of the national government and the
11 City Government of Malabon, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
12 proper implementation of this Act.

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14 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder
15 of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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17 **SEC. 7.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules,
18 regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
19 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,