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COMMITTEE REPORT No. 8

Submitted by the Committees on Cultural Communities and Muslim Affairs; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality on OCT 20 2022

Re: Senate Bill No. 1410 Prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 805 and 1272.

Sponsor: Senator Robinhood C. Padilla

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Cultural Communities and Muslim Affairs; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 805**, introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

"AN ACT

**DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING
OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING A HIJAB"**

and **Senate Bill No. 1272**, introduced by Senator Robinhood C. Padilla, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 1410**, entitled:

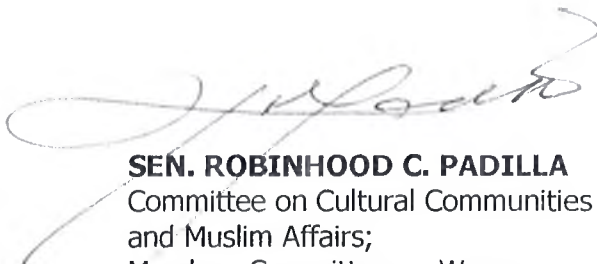
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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 805 and 1272, with Senators Ejercito Estrada, Padilla, and Hontiveros as authors thereof.

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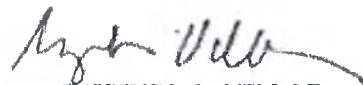
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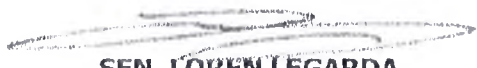
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Senate Bill No. 1410

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Prepared by the Committees on Cultural Communities and Muslim Affairs; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality with Senators Ejercito Estrada, Padilla, and Hontiveros as authors thereof.

AN ACT
DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY

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

- 1 Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as "National Hijab Day".
- 2 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State recognizes the role of women in
3 nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality of women and men before
4 the law. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without
5 discrimination and or preference, shall forever be allowed.
- 6 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* — As used in this Act:
- 7 a) *Hijab* refers to a modest garment worn by Muslim women to cover the
8 hair and neck; and
- 9 b) *Hijabi* refers to a Muslim woman wearing a *hijab*.
- 10 Sec. 4. *Objectives.* — The objectives of this Act are as follows:

- 1 a) To protect the freedom of religion and the right of Muslim women to
- 2 practice their religion;
- 3 b) To prevent discrimination against *hijabis*;
- 4 c) To encourage women to show their solidarity by wearing *hijab* during
- 5 the National Hijab Day;
- 6 d) To promote appreciation for diversity in the expression of oneself and
- 7 one's faith and religion; and
- 8 e) To promote tolerance and acceptance of other lifestyles amongst the
- 9 citizenry.

10 Sec. 5. *National Hijab Day*. — The first day of February of each year is hereby
11 declared as the observance of National Hijab Day to foster solidarity with *hijabis* by
12 encouraging the wearing of *hijab* by women in public.

13 Sec. 6. *Public Awareness*. — Government agencies, schools, and the private
14 sector are encouraged to observe National Hijab Day in an appropriate manner that
15 promotes the objectives of this Act through awareness activities.

16 Sec. 7. *Implementing Agency*. — The National Commission on Muslim Filipinos
17 (NCMF) is hereby mandated as the lead agency in promoting and raising
18 consciousness about the practice of wearing a hijab. Towards this end, it may conduct
19 fora, information dissemination campaigns, and other educational drives to effectively
20 meet the objectives of this Act.

21 Sec. 8. *Separability Clause*. — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
22 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
23 remain in force and effect.

24 Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause*. — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
25 order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this
26 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 Sec. 10. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
2 its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,