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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Quiapo is a district located in the heart of Manila, known for its rich cultural heritage, historical landmarks, and bustling marketplaces. It is home to the Quiapo Church, which is one of the most significant religious sites in the country and attracts millions of devotees every year. The district is also famous for its vibrant street life, vibrant markets, and traditional crafts. Quiapo is a melting pot of different cultures and religions, with Chinese, Spanish, and Muslim influences that have shaped its unique character over the centuries. Despite the challenges it faces, Quiapo remains an important and integral part of Manila's cultural heritage and a beloved destination for locals and tourists alike.

Considered one of the oldest and most important districts in Manila with a rich cultural heritage that spans centuries, this proposed legislation is a response to the need to safeguard Quiapo's cultural and historical heritage and promote its sustainable development as a significant tourist destination in the Philippines. It recognizes the importance of preserving and celebrating the district's rich history and cultural identity for the benefit of present and future generations.

This measure aims to preserve and promote the cultural, historical, and architectural significance of the Quiapo district in Manila, Philippines. It also aims to protect and conserve the unique character and identity of the district. The Quiapo Heritage Zone seeks to safeguard the historical landmarks, buildings, and sites that are significant to the cultural identity of the Philippines, with the goal of ensuring that these treasures are preserved for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

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




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

1 Section 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Quiapo Heritage Zone Act."

2 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to undertake
3 initiatives that will protect, preserve, conserve, and promote the nation's historical
4 and cultural heritage, property, and artistic creations.

5 Sec. 3. *Coverage.* - This Act shall apply to all cultural properties ranging
6 from cultural treasures, important cultural properties, heritage sites, historical
7 shrines, historical monuments, historical landmarks, archaeological and
8 traditional ethnographic materials, works of national heroes, marked structures,
9 and structures and archival materials dating at least fifty (50) years old within the
10 Quiapo District located in the City of Manila.

11 Sec. 4. *Quiapo Heritage Zone.* - The Quiapo District in the City of Manila is
12 hereby declared a heritage zone as defined in Article II, Section 3 (q) and Article
13 III, Sections 4 and 5 of Republic Act No. 10066 as amended, otherwise known as
14 the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009."

15 As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of
16 Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Local Government of the City of Manila,
17 the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the National

1 Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Tourism Infrastructure and
2 Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the Department of Public Works and
3 Highways (DPWH), and other concerned government agencies, and shall be
4 subject to the rules and regulations governing the conservation and preservation
5 of heritage ones following internationally-accepted standards.

6 For the purpose of this Act, the built heritage sites in the historical and
7 cultural heritage zone shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 8 a. Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene;
- 9 b. Minor Basilica of San Sebastian
- 10 c. Masjid Al-Dahab;
- 11 d. Plaza del Carmen;
- 12 e. Plaza Miranda;
- 13 f. Quinta Market;
- 14 g. Nakpil-Bautista House;
- 15 h. Paterno House;
- 16 i. Zamora House;
- 17 j. Estrella House;
- 18 k. Genato House;
- 19 l. Zaragoza House;
- 20 m. Casa Consulado;
- 21 n. Ocampo-Santiago House;
- 22 o. Ocampo Pagoda Mansion;
- 23 p. Padilla Art Gallery;
- 24 q. Casa Boix;
- 25 r. La Estricista Site;
- 26 s. Calle Hidalgo;
- 27 t. Calle Argelui;
- 28 u. Calle Bautista;
- 29 v. Calle Bilibid Viejo;
- 30 w. Calle de Guzman; and
- 31 x. Globo de Oro Street.

1 Sec. 5. *Quiapo Heritage Zone Development Plan.* – The City Government of Manila,
2 in coordination with DOT, TIEZA, NCCA, NHCP, DPWH, and other concerned
3 agencies, shall, within one year after the approval of this Act, prepare the
4 development plan involving the protection, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation,
5 conservation, maintenance, and promotion of the city’s cultural heritage and of
6 appropriate facilities which shall enhance the area: *Provided,* that the said
7 development shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical
8 significance of the identified area.

9 Relevant organizations and individual participants shall be consulted in public
10 hearings and drafting sessions.

11 Research shall be conducted on the heritage sites’ architectural, artistic, social,
12 political, and personal histories and shall be incorporated into the plan in order to
13 assist the concerned government agencies and stakeholders with the process of
14 adaptive reuse, the creation of manuals, and the identification of additional suitable
15 business ventures that can be supported in the district.

16 Sec. 6. *Coordination with National Agencies and Local Government Units.* – The City
17 Government of Manila, in coordination with DOT, TIEZA, and DPWH, shall set forth
18 and implement necessary construction and/or improvement of roads and other
19 infrastructure upon promulgation of this Act and incorporate it in its infrastructure
20 program. This shall include infrastructure and systems that will enhance the overall
21 aesthetic of the district including drainage, sewerage and solid waste facilities in
22 accordance with prevailing environmental laws and incentives.

23 Sec. 7. *Report and Review.* – Within the year of the implementation of this Act and
24 each fiscal year thereafter, the City Government of Manila shall render an annual
25 report to both houses of Congress. The City Government of Manila shall submit a
26 report describing a summary of the following:

- 27 a. Status of the Quiapo National Heritage Zone under this Act;
- 28 b. Accomplishments of the Quiapo Heritage Zone Development Plan
29 established through this Act; and
- 30 c. Types and volume of assistance and services provided to stakeholders
31 within the Quiapo National Heritage Zone.
- 32 d. Environmental baselines, targets and enhancements.

1 Sec. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Local Government of the City
2 of Manila, DOT, NCCA, NHCP, TIEZA, and DPWH, in consultation with
3 stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
4 implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

5 The City Council of the City Government of Manila shall pass a city ordinance
6 to appropriately operationalize the management of the Quiapo National Heritage
7 Zone, including all parts of the heritage site, national cultural treasures, important
8 cultural property, and archaeological and anthropological sites designated as intrinsic
9 thereto, in accordance with the development plan, and in line with the objectives and
10 provisions of Republic Act No. 10066 and this Act. The ordinance shall likewise
11 include the metes and bounds of the Heritage Zone established pursuant to this Act.

12 Sec. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the protection, preservation,
13 restoration, rehabilitation, conservation, maintenance, and promotion of the cultural
14 and historical integrity of the Quiapo Heritage Zone shall receive priority
15 development attention, assistance, and funding from the DOT, the NCCA, and from
16 the DPWH subject to existing appropriate government rules and regulations.

17 Sec. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section, or provision of this Act shall
18 be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining
19 provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

20 Sec. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules
21 and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act are
22 hereby repealed, modified, suspended, or amended accordingly.

23 Sec. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
25 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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Approved,