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City of Manila**

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the thirteenth day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Two**

ORDINANCE NO. 8922

**AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING PHILIPPINE INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL
WRITING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION
AND CONSERVATION IN THE CITY OF MANILA**

PRINCIPAL AUTHORS:

HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
Majority Floor Leader

and

HON. LUCIANO M. VELOSO



Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Promoting Philippine Indigenous and Traditional Writing Systems and Providing for Their Protection, Preservation and Conservation in the City of Manila”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – As mandated in the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, Article XIV, Section 14 to Section 18 (2), the state shall spearhead the preservation and enrichment of the Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity. The arts and letters shall be conserved, promoted and popularized by the State as the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources. In order to fulfill such mandates, there is a great need to promote, protect, preserve and conserve Philippine indigenous writings systems as tools for cultural development, to instill patriotism and nationalism, as well as to protect the Filipino cultural heritage and identity.

SEC. 3. Promotion of Philippine Indigenous and Traditional Writing Systems. – Indigenous writings and traditional scripts are a significant part of our cultural treasures and history, to foster awareness and generate appreciation for such treasures, promotion and preservation of these writing systems must be prioritized.

Indigenous and traditional writing systems, as representations of Filipino culture and history shall be promoted and preserved through the following means:

- (a) Recommending to the Department of Education – Manila and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to include these writing systems as a separate module in existing subjects of basic and higher education curricula of both public and private educational institutions in the City of Manila and to create an elective or specialized course in higher education for the study of the same;
- (b) Creating activities that promote awareness during Buwan ng Wika and other similar occasions and events;
- (c) Displaying such writing systems at public spaces and transportation services in order to promote a culture of awareness within the City of Manila on Philippine Indigenous and Traditional Writing Systems;
- (d) Requiring local offices under the Manila City Hall and encouraging other public and private establishments in the city to use Baybayin scripts in their logos and seals;
- (e) Providing incentives and recognitions to individuals and groups working for the production of written materials and record-keeping of oral evidences of traditional writing systems in Manila;
- (f) Supporting the conduct of seminars, conferences, conventions, symposia and other relevant activities in the City of Manila on the study of Philippine writing systems; and
- (g) Other applicable measures as may be adopted by relevant and concerned agencies.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Ordinance is held or declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All other local laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on November 29, 2022.

PRESIDED BY:




JOHN MARVIN C. "Yul Servo" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:




LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
Secretary to the City Council

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON DEC 15 2022.



MARIA SHEILAH "Honey" H. LAQUANA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:



MARLON M. LACSON
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Mayor)

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