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AN ACT

DECLARING MAY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS PADANG KARBALA DAY IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE HEROIC SACRIFICES MADE BY THE
SULTAN OF BAYANG AND HIS PEOPLE AGAINST THE ATROCITIES
COMMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On May 2, 1902, around 1700 soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces stormed *Kota Pandapatan* in the Municipality of Bayang, Province of Lanao del Sur, led by then Col. Frank D. Baldwin with the primary aim of demanding the unconditional surrender and submission of the Sultan of Bayang to the American Rule.

Despite being outgunned and outnumbered, the Sultan of Bayang and his allies did not cower in fear and bravely defied the might of the Americans. A fierce battle ensued for two days resulting to the death of around 300-400 Maranao warriors including the Sultan of Bayang and the *Rdiamuda* (son and successor of the Sultan), while on the part of the American soldiers, they suffered only 13 casualties including one officer named Lt. Thomas A. Vicars.

The Battle of Bayang, locally known as the "*Padang Karbala*", inaugurated the start of the American Pacification campaign against the Moros from 1902 to 1915. Authorities described the battle as a massacre and a barbaric military retaliation against the Maranaos.

For the Maranaos, especially the proud people of Bayang, *Padang Karbala* is a testament of their high sense of patriotism and ardent love for their homeland demonstrative of their stiff desire to preserve Islam and to remain free from foreign subjugation, imperialism and oppression.

On account of the above considerations, this bill is being introduced in memory of the martyrs of Padang Karbala by way of declaring every second (2nd)

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Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

Section 1. The second day of the month of May of every year is hereby declared as the “Padang Karbala Day.”

Section 2. The concerned agency of the BARMM shall ensure the proper observance of this special day.


Section 3. The Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH) in coordination with the Ministry of Basic, Technical and Higher Education shall monitor the annual activities prepared and implemented by BARMM government agencies, schools, colleges and universities.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication.

Approved, _____, 2021.

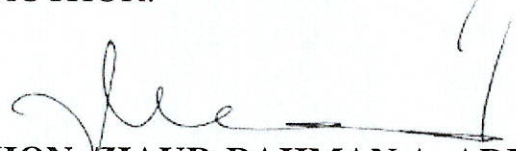
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day of May as Padang Karbala Day, a day to commemorate the heroic sacrifices made by the Sultan of Bayang and his people against the atrocities of the American Expeditionary Forces.

If passed into law, the same would serve as a reminder and constant inspiration not only on the part of the Maranaos but to the totality of the Bangsamoro of the grandeurs of those who came before us and how our glorious past shaped the current realities.

With these at stake, the immediate passage of this bill into law is earnestly sought.

Thank you.



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