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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BANGSAMORO MEMORIAL MARKER AND ECO-PARK IN CAMP ABUBAKAR, MUNICIPALITY OF BARIRA, MAGUINDANAO TO HONOR THE SHUHADA/MARTYRS OF THE BANGSAMORO STRUGGLE WHO GAVE AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND FREEDOM OF THE BANGSAMORO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro Government is a product of almost five decades of armed struggle and peace negotiations. We will not be where we are today if not for the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters. Many have shed their sweat, blood, tears, and even their lives for the right to self-determination and the liberties that we the Bangsamoro are exercising today.

The *shuhada*, who sacrificed their lives should not only be written only in history books. We should not limit ourselves to remembering them through memoirs, holidays, or in speeches. In value of their sacrifices, we must move ourselves to remind the Bangsamoro that we need to protect the rights we have asserted to have, conserve and develop our patrimony, and maintain a system reflective of a life as prescribed by our faith.

While the creation of a memorial marker will not be able to encapsulate the sacrifice of our *shuhada*, it is a way for us to immortalize this distinct part of our history.

The Bangsamoro Memorial Marker shall include a list of names of the *shuhada* who were martyred as a result of their service in the protracted war for the right to self-determination and freedom of the Bangsamoro people. The marker shall stand in a park located in Camp Abubakar,

1 Municipality of Barira, properly landscaped and designed with structures and ornaments that are
2 reflective of Bangsamoro culture and art.

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4 We cannot let our people down.

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6 Let us write their names for the next generations to remember. The Bangsamoro Memorial
7 Marker and Eco-park will have our history written in its very walls.

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9 It is with the foregoing, that the immediate passage of this bill into law is earnestly sought.

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14 **HON. AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**
15 *Chief Minister*
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ABDULRAZAQ MACACUA
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31 *Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:*
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33 SECTION 1. The Short Title. This Act shall be known and cited as the "Bangsamoro
34 Memorial Marker Act".
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36 SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Bangsamoro:
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- 38 (a) To promote unity, peace, justice, and goodwill among all people;
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40 (b) To ensure every Filipino in its territorial jurisdiction the provision of the basic
41 necessities and equal opportunities in life. Social Justice shall be promoted in all
42 aspects of life and phases of development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
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44 (c) To ensure that indigenous peoples shall have the freedom to retain their distinct
45 indigenous and ethnic identity in addition to their Bangsamoro political identity;
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- 1 (d) To ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health
2 and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology.
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4 SECTION 3. Bangsamoro Memorial Marker. The Bangsamoro Memorial Marker shall
5 include a list of names of the shuhada who were martyred as a result of their service in the
6 protracted war for the right to self-determination and freedom of the Bangsamoro people.
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8 SECTION 4. Bangsamoro Eco-park. The park shall be located in Camp Abubakar,
9 Municipality of Barira. It shall be constructed, properly landscaped and designed with structures
10 and ornaments that are reflective of Bangsamoro culture and art. It shall also be provided with
11 complete facilities such as, but not limited to, multi-purpose hall, parking area, comfort rooms and
12 wash areas, and access roads. The memorial marker shall be built within the said eco-park.
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14 SECTION 5. Maintenance of the Bangsamoro Memorial Marker and Eco-park. The
15 Bangsamoro Memorial Marker and Eco-park shall be maintained by the Bangsamoro Commission
16 for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH).
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18 SECTION 6. Bangsamoro Memorial Council (BMC). It shall be created and composed of
19 a Chairperson and five (5) members. It shall be chaired by the Bangsamoro Commission for the
20 Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH) Chairperson.
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22 SECTION 7. Members of the Bangsamoro Memorial Council (BMC). A council shall be
23 composed of five (5) Provincial Focal Person representing the provinces of: (1) Maguindanao
24 including Cotabato City and the 63 barangays; (2) Lanao del Sur; (3) Basilan including Lamitan
25 City; (4) Sulu; and (5) Tawi-tawi, who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister under the
26 recommendation of the Bangsamoro Memorial Council (BMC) Chair.
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28 SECTION 8. Functions and Responsibilities of the BMC. — The BMC shall perform the
29 following:
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- 31 (a) Establish eligibility criteria for the inclusion of the names in the Bangsamoro
32 Memorial Marker;
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34 (b) Submit to the Office of the Chief Minister a final list of names for inclusion on the
35 Bangsamoro Memorial Marker that meets the criteria in the preceding paragraph;
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37 (c) Monitor the construction of the Bangsamoro Memorial Marker and Eco-Park and
38 ensure that its structure conforms to the standards and designs set by them;
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40 (d) Formulate plans, programs, policies, rules and regulations necessary for the
41 discharge of its powers and functions as well as its internal organization and
42 operations; and
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44 (e) Such other functions as may be necessary or incidental to the proper
45 implementation of the provisions of this Act.
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47 SECTION 9. Dissolution of the Bangsamoro Memorial Council (BMC). The BMC shall
48 dissolve automatically upon the completion and turn-over of the Bangsamoro Memorial Marker
49 and Eco-park to the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH).

1 The members thereof shall be released and discharged from the functions and responsibilities in
2 the preceding section.
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4 SECTION 10. Appropriations. — The funds necessary to carry out the implementation of
5 this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriations of the Bangsamoro Government.
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7 Subsequent funding requirements necessary to carry out other provisions of this Act, which
8 includes but not limited to the maintenance of the Bangsamoro Memorial Marker and Eco-park
9 upon turn-over shall be included in the annual budget of the BCPCH.
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11 SECTION 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within Ninety (90) days from the
12 effectivity of this Act, the Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage
13 (BCPCH) shall promulgate the Rules and Regulations necessary for the effective implementation
14 of this Act notwithstanding the functions and responsibilities of the Bangsamoro Memorial
15 Council (BMC) set forth in this Act.
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17 SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. — Any law or issuance, executive order, or letter of
18 instruction, administrative order, rules or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions
19 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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21 SECTION 13. Separability Clause. — Should any provisions of this Act or any part thereof
22 be declared invalid, other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall
23 remain in full force and effect.
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25 SECTION 14. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect immediately.
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32 **HON. AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**
33 *Chief Minister*


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