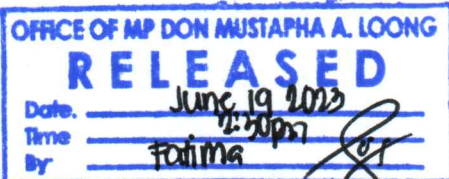


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTERS IN THE
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is the model definition of a melting pot of cultures that encompasses the Philippines. In it, several unique Indigenous Communities and Indigenous people exist, each with their unique identity, religion, and ethnicity, all of which are protected by no less than the constitution as Filipinos and by the Bangsamoro Organic Law as enshrined in its general principles and policies (Section 10, Article IV). These Indigenous Communities have their own inimitable ways, traditions, and needs which are best served by local heads within their communities. Currently, there exists an opportunity for the Bangsamoro Government to better serve these Indigenous Communities in order to ensure that they are involved in the decision-making process, which would greatly impact their communities.

This Bill aims to bridge the gap between the Indigenous People within our region and the Bangsamoro Government. Through the establishment of these community

1 centers, our constituents belonging to the Indigenous Communities will have unabated
2 access to government amenities without the tension of being discriminated against by
3 reason of their belief, ethnicity, race, custom, sex, and any other reason as these centers
4 will be run by the Indigenous communities themselves. These centers will also be the
5 gateway for our indigenous communities to voice out their concerns and needs so that
6 the Bangsamoro Government will be able to appropriately address said concerns and
7 tailor-fit each action to the specific needs of our Indigenous Communities.

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9 With the proximity of amenities brought about by these community centers, our
10 indigenous communities may also showcase their distinct cultures by embellishing these
11 establishments with materials and products which are unique to their communities,
12 which empowers them while also preserving their individualities.

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14 In view of the foregoing, this representation is seeking for the early passage of this
15 bill into law.
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BE IT ENACTED by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the *"Indigenous People's Community Centers (IPCC) Act of 2023"*.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – Pursuant to Section 10, Article 4 of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, it is the policy of the Bangsamoro government that Indigenous peoples shall have the freedom to retain their distinct indigenous and ethnic identity in addition to their Bangsamoro political identity. And as such, the Bangsamoro Government shall:

1. Recognize and promote the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs)/Indigenous Peoples (IPs) within the framework of regional unity and development;

2. Protect the rights and preserve the unique traditions, culture, and identity of the ICCs/IPs in the Bangsamoro to ensure their economic, social, and cultural well-being;
3. Guarantee the freedom of ICCs/IPs from non-discrimination and equal protection regardless of sex and religious or political beliefs;
4. Encourage ICCs/IPs' participation in decision-making matters affecting their welfare and to freely express their grievances to the regional government; and
5. Encourage participation in education and health services, as well as other services of ICCs/IPs, in order to render such services more responsive to the needs and desires of these communities.

SECTION 3. *Establishment/Construction of Community Centers.* -There shall be an established indigenous people's community center (IPCC) in selected communities within the Bangsamoro Region, to be determined by the Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs (MIPA), which shall serve as the multipurpose center for the Indigenous Peoples located therein.

As far as practicable, there shall be at least one IPCC per province in the Bangsamoro Region.

SECTION 4. *IP Community Center Requirements.* - The following shall be the minimum requirements for every IPCC that will be established under this Act:

- a) Location/Designation - each location shall be determined by the MIPA in close coordination with the LGUs concerned and in consultation with the IP beneficiaries but shall, in all cases, be centrally located in the IP community.
- b) Design and materials - The IPCC's design shall reflect the unique IP identity of the beneficiary IP community and utilize at least twenty percent (20%) of indigenous or local materials.
- c) Structural/Building Capacity - The IP Community Centers shall be constructed and designed to be calamity-resilient, made of sturdy materials, and shall be built in accordance with the specifications of Republic Act No. 6541, other known as the "National Building Code of the Philippines."

The Ministry of Public Works (MPW) shall be in charge of the construction of IP community centers and formulating the building specifications therefore based on standards, issuances, and other guidelines set by the MPW. The design of which shall be reflective of the identity of the IP for whom the center is to be constructed. It shall also

1 ensure that the construction of such IPCC is in accordance with the above-mentioned
2 requirements during its construction.

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4 d) Amenities – The IPCC shall be well-ventilated and shall have the capacity to
5 accommodate a large number of people. The centers shall have the following
6 minimum amenities:

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8 a. Assembly or meeting room;
9 b. Training and learning room;
10 c. Display kiosk or store;
11 d. Shower and toilet facilities;
12 e. Access thereto by and accommodation of the disabled;
13 f. Provisions for emergency/exit doors;
14 g. Food preparation areas with adequate ventilation;
15 h. Trash and waste segregation and collection areas (Materials Recovery
16 Facility;
17 i. Healthcare areas, which shall include an isolation and/or quarantine area
18 for potentially infectious persons; and
19 j. Rainwater harvesting and collection facilities.
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21 **SECTION 5. *Operations and Management of the IPCC.*** - The municipal/city
22 government, through the organized indigenous people's council/community concerned,
23 shall be primarily responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of the
24 IPCC established under this Act.
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26 The mandatory audit of infrastructures used as IPCC shall be conducted by the
27 Municipal/City Engineer and/or the building official at least once every year and
28 immediately after the occurrence of a hazard or disaster event.
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30 **SECTION 6. *Role of the MIPA.*** - The MIPA shall be the primary lead agency which shall
31 oversee the implementation of this act.
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33 **SECTION 7. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary to fund the construction and
34 maintenance of IPCCs under this Act shall be included in the annual program of MIPA
35 for the next fiscal year. Every year thereafter, the amounts necessary for the construction
36 and maintenance of IPCC shall be included in the list of programs as part of the annual
37 budget in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act.
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39 The appropriations necessary for the operation and management of the Indigenous
40 Community centers shall be charged against the funds of the Municipal/City
41 Government concerned.
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43 **SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within ninety days (90) after the
44 effectivity of this Act, the MIPA and the MPW, in coordination with the appropriate

1 government agencies concerned, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations
2 necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.

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4 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force
6 and effect.

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8 **SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - All regional laws, decrees, executive orders, or parts
9 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
10 modified accordingly.

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12 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its
13 publication in a newspaper of regional circulation.

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