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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cagayan de Oro City, the gateway to Northern Mindanao and known as the "City of Golden Friendship," is considered among the most affluent cities in the country today because of its abundance in both natural and human resources.

Surprisingly, a city rich in history and exceptional cultural heritage like Cagayan de Oro has no cultural center to showcase its unique cultural heritage. The city has no museum to house and protect all the artifacts, relics, works of art and the multitude of other objects which symbolize and represent the heritage of the past, present and future of its residents.

Much of Cagayan de Oro's historical artifacts and objects, with irreplaceable cultural significance, are scattered throughout the city and adjacent provinces. Most are already in advanced state of deterioration. These objects may soon just disappear and be lost of future generations unless immediate action is taken.

Thus, the establishment of a cultural center and museum in the City of Cagayan de Oro is imperative to perpetuate and protect its local history, tradition and values, cultural heritage and regional identity.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE
ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL

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

SECTION 1. **Establishment.** – There shall be established, under the supervision of the National Museum, a cultural center and museum in the City of Cagayan de Oro to be known as the Cagayan de Oro City Cultural Center and Museum.

SEC. 2. **Site Selection.** – The *Sangguniang Panglungsod* of the City of Cagayan de Oro, in coordination with the Director of the National Museum, shall choose the site of the Cagayan de Oro City Cultural Center and Museum.

SEC. 3. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the current appropriations for the National Museum. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continuous operation and maintenance of the cultural center and museum shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,