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S. No. 1410

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PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEES ON CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND MUSLIM AFFAIRS; AND WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY WITH SENATORS ESTRADA, PADILLA, HONTIVEROS, LAPID, ANGARA, BINAY, CAYETANO (P), CAYETANO (AP), DELA ROSA, EJERCITO, ESCUDERO, GATCHALIAN, GO, LEGARDA, MARCOS, PIMENTEL III, POE, REVILLA JR., TOLENTINO, TULFO, VILLANUEVA, VILLAR (M), VILLAR (C) AND ZUBIRI AS AUTHORS

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AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR AWARENESS ON THE HIJAB AND OTHER TRADITIONAL GARMENTS AND ATTIRE

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

1           SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as  
2 the “National Day for Awareness on the Hijab and Other  
3 Traditional Garments and Attire”.

4           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The voluntary  
5 exercise of religious profession and worship, free from

1 coercion or discrimination shall be respected. Everyone  
2 shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and  
3 religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to  
4 adopt a religion or belief of his/her choice, and freedom,  
5 either individually or in community with others and in  
6 public or private, to manifest his/her religion or belief in  
7 worship, observance, practice and teaching.

8         SEC. 3. To promote diversity, awareness, and  
9 tolerance of religious and cultural beliefs expressed  
10 through the wearing of indigenous clothing, head garments  
11 and coverings, such as, but not limited to *hijab*, *sinulog* and  
12 *tapis*, February 1<sup>st</sup> is hereby declared as the “National Day  
13 for Awareness on the Hijab and Other Traditional  
14 Garments and Attire”.

15         SEC. 4. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring  
16 the wearing or non-wearing of a particular attire, garment  
17 or clothing.

18         SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
19 after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a  
20 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,