



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 427

**DECLARING NINE (9) INDIVIDUALS AS MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN
FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State, and that the State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7355 provides for the recognition of "National Living Treasures," otherwise known as the "Manlilikha ng Bayan," referring to a citizen or a group of citizens engaged in any traditional art that is uniquely Filipino and whose distinctive skills have reached a high level of technical and artistic excellence;

WHEREAS, Adelita Romualdo Bagcal, an Ilocano master of Oral Traditions from Banna, Ilocos, Norte, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the *Dalot* and other Ilocano oral traditions;

WHEREAS, Abina Tawide Coguit, an Agusan Manobo embroiderer from La Paz, Agusan del Sur, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the Agusan Manobo *suyam* (embroidery) tradition;

WHEREAS, Sakinur-ain Mugong Delasas, a Sama master of traditional dance from Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the Sama *igal* (dance) tradition;

WHEREAS, Bundos Bansil Fara, a T'boli brasscaster from Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, is recognized for his commitment to safeguarding and promoting the T'boli *temwel* (brasscasting) tradition;

WHEREAS, Marife Ravidas Ganahon, a Higaonon mat weaver from Malaybalay, Bukidnon, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the Higaonon *ikam* (mat weaving) tradition;

WHEREAS, Amparo Balansi Mabanag, a Ga'dang embroiderer from Paracelis, Mountain Province, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the Ga'dang *manu'bak* and *ameru* (beadworks and embroidery) traditions;

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WHEREAS, Samporonia Pagsac Madanlo, a Mandaya *ikat* weaver from Caraga, Davao Oriental, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the Mandaya *dagmay* (*ikat* weaving) tradition;

WHEREAS, Barbara Kibed Ofong, a T'boli *ikat* weaver from Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the T'boli *t'nalak* (*ikat* weaving) tradition; and

WHEREAS, Rosie Godwino Sula, a T'boli chanter from Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, is recognized for her commitment to safeguarding and promoting the T'boli *lingon* (chanting) tradition;

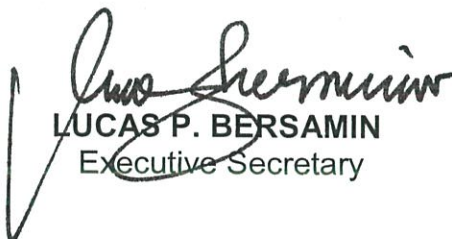
NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon the recommendation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and pursuant to RA No. 7355, do hereby declare the following individuals as Manlilikha ng Bayan for 2023:

**ADELITA ROMUALDO BAGCAL
ABINA TAWIDE COGUIT
SAKINUR-AIN MUGONG DELASAS
BUNDOS BANSIL FARA
MARIFE RAVIDAS GANAHON
AMPARO BALANSI MABANAG
SAMPORONIA PAGSAC MADANLO
BARBARA KIBED OFONG
ROSIE GODWINO SULA**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

By the President:


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary

