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This Department

For information and guidance, attached is a certified copy of **Proclamation No. 963** dated July 4, 2025 signed by Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin, with the subject: **"DECLARING THE PERIOD OF 25 JUNE 2025 TO 24 JUNE 2026 AS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN HAJA AMINA APPI"**.

A copy of the said Proclamation may also be downloaded from the DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

  
**ATTY. MICHAEL S. VILLAFRANCA, CESO III**  
Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: Proclamation no. 963 dated 04 July 2025

cc: Office of the Secretary

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MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 963

**DECLARING THE PERIOD OF 25 JUNE 2025 TO 24 JUNE 2026 AS  
THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF *MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN* HAJA AMINA  
APPI**

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7355 or the "*Manlilikha ng Bayan Act*" declares it a policy of the State to preserve and promote the country's traditional folk arts, whether visual, performing or literary, for their cultural value, and to honor and support traditional folk artists for their contribution to the national heritage;

**WHEREAS**, Section 12(a), Title II of RA No. 7356 or the "Law Creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)" mandates the NCCA to extend recognition of artistic achievement through awards, grants, and services to artists and cultural groups which contribute significantly to the Filipino's cultural legacy;

**WHEREAS**, 25 June 2024 marks the centennial year of *Manlilikha ng Bayan* Haja Amina Appi, a mat weaving virtuoso from the *Sama* cultural community;

**WHEREAS**, the NCCA, through the *Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan* Executive Council, has recommended the declaration of the Centennial Year of Haja Amina Appi to promote genuine appreciation among Filipinos of the valuable and intangible cultural distinction of the *Manlilikha ng Bayan*; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all the Executive departments, bureaus and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the period from 25 June 2025 to 24 June 2026 as the "**Centennial Year of *Manlilikha ng Bayan* Haja Amina Appi.**"

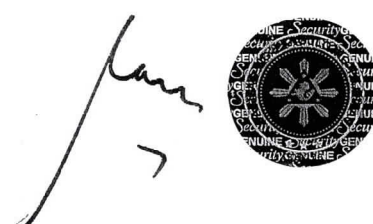
For this purpose, the NCCA is hereby directed to lead, coordinate, and supervise the observance of the Centennial Year of *Manlilikha ng Bayan* Haja Amina Appi and identify programs, activities and projects for the celebration thereof.

All agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and all local government units, non-government organizations and the private sector are hereby encouraged, to render the necessary support and assistance to the NCCA, and to actively participate in the observance of the Centennial Year of *Manlilikha ng Bayan* Haja Amina Appi.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

By the President:



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary

