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AN ACT
TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH (4TH) DAY OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE
OF RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG ANTIPOLO", IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS CITYHOOD ANNIVERSARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Antipolo is classified as a first-class component city and the capital of the Province of Rizal. It has an estimated population of 887,399 people, according to the 2020 census. It is the most populous city in the CALABARZON region and the eighth most populous city in the country.

On February 13, 1998, then Pres. Fidel V. Ramos signed Republic Act No. 8508, converting the Municipality of Antipolo into a component city of Rizal Province and on April 4, 1998, it was ratified in a plebiscite.

On March 14, 2011, Antipolo was declared according to Proclamation No. 124 s. 2011 a highly-urbanized city by then President Benigno S. Aquino; however, the proclamation has yet to be ratified in a plebiscite. Pending a plebiscite, Antipolo is the most populated city in the Philippines under a component city status. On June 19, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Republic Act 11475, designating Antipolo City as the official capital of Rizal Province. It took effect on July 7, 2020.

A same measure was filed in the House of Representatives during the second regular session of the 18th Congress, but was only referred to the committee and no counterpart bill was filed in the Senate.

To instill in the hearts and minds of the people of Antipolo its colorful history and rich culture, it is only fitting that the fourth (4th) day of April be proclaimed a special non-working holiday in the City of Antipolo to allow the people to participate in programs and activities organized to commemorate this historic occasion.

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



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

6 **SECTION 1.** *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Araw ng Antipolo Act".

7 **SECTION 2.** *Araw ng Antipolo.* — In recognition of its importance to our
8 nation's history and the city's contribution to nation building and national
9 development, the fourth (4th) day of April of every year is hereby declared a special
10 nonworking holiday in the City of Antipolo, Rizal Province to be known as the "Araw
11 ng Antipolo".

12 **SECTION 3.** *Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.* — The Local Government
13 of the City of Antipolo shall serve as the lead agency in the preparation and
14 implementation of the annual program of activities for the observance of the annual
15 Araw ng Antipolo.

16 To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of this day, the city heads
17 of national government agencies, public schools, state universities and colleges, and
18 employers in the private sector, are encouraged to allow their respective personnel

1 and constituents to participate in any related activity to be held within the premises
2 of their respective offices or establishments.

3 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** — In the event that any part, section or
4 provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,
5 the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if
6 the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

7 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders,
8 issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of
9 this Act are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this
10 Act accordingly.

11 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

14 *Approved,*