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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 4, Article VX of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design social security programs for them.

The grandparents play a critical role in a typical Filipino family household. They serve as their grandchildren's caregivers or child-minders, extending financial, physical, moral, and spiritual support. A 2014 study also showed that grandparents play a high-level role in the emotional and behavioral development of their grandchildren.

To recognize the important role of the grandparents in their family's lives, many countries celebrate Grandparent's Day on different dates. In the Philippines, this special occasion is celebrated every second Sunday of September.

This bill seeks to declare the second Sunday of September of each year as the "National Grandparents' Day" to pay tribute to our Filipino family elders who have shown us nothing but love and affection all throughout our lives.

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

**IMEE R. MARCOS**



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*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 the "National  
2 Grandparents' Day Act."  
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4           **SEC. 2. National Grandparents' Day.** – The second Sunday of September of each  
5 year is hereby declared as the "National Grandparents' Day" in the Philippines.  
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7           **SEC. 3. Ceremonies and Activities.** – All government agencies, including  
8 Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, shall celebrate the National  
9 Grandparents' Day through simple and proper ceremonies to promote public awareness  
10 of the importance of grandparents and to inform the public on all its functions and  
11 services offered to assist the grandparents, especially those who are senior citizens.  
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13           All educational institutions, both public and private, shall also celebrate the day  
14 through simple and proper ceremonies to immerse the students on the importance of  
15 the role of grandparents in the community and society.  
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17           **SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) calendar days  
18 after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and  
19 the Department of Education shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations  
20 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.  
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1           **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
2 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
3 repealed or modified accordingly.

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5           **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
6 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
7 remain in force and effect.

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9           **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
10 the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of  
11 general circulation in the Philippines.

*Approved,*