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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ours is a nation teeming with rich agricultural and marine resources, owing to the blessings that God has given us, and the rich soil and waters embracing us therein. How we harness the said blessings, we can only attribute to our hardworking farmers and fisherfolks, who have served as the walls of our nation by continuously providing us food supply through every day of every year, rain or shine.

It is but proper that we pay tribute to them by virtue of this Act which aims to create a special working holiday to ensure meaningful observance of the same, and at the same time, encourage participation in activities supported by the respective offices and establishments which have relation with the activities of fisherfolk and farmers.

Henceforth, the urgent passage of this legislation is sought.


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**AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH ONE OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING
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NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS DAY**

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

Section 1. The first day of March of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday to be known as "*National Farmers and Fisherfolks Day*".

Section 2. To ensure meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations especially those that are dealing directly with the farmers as well as local government units, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective offices or establishments in support and sympathy to farmers across the country to celebrate "*National Farmers and Fisherfolks Day*".

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,