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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Eidul Adha, also known as the "Festival of Sacrifice" is a religious festival celebrated by Muslims worldwide to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to Allah. It annually falls on the tenth day of the month of *Zhul Hijja* – the last month of the Lunar Islamic Calendar. The actual purpose of the sacrifice is to create piety, devotion, obedience and submission to Allah as stated in Qur'an. This sacrifice is offered as part of *Hajj* or pilgrimage. The *hajj* is the largest annual pilgrimage in the world and is the fifth pillar of Islam; an obligation that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime by every able-bodied Muslim who can afford to do so.

This bill seeks to declare as a national holiday Eidul Adha. Through the enactment of Republic Act No. 9177, Eidul Fitr, another important Islamic celebration was declared a national holiday. Eidul Fitr is the first day of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic Calendar marking the end of the thirty (30) day fasting period of Ramadan. This two Islamic celebration share the same universal appeal and importance to the more than ten (10) million Muslim Filipinos.

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

  
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AN ACT  
DECLARING THE TENTH DAY OF ZHUL HIJJA, THE TWELFTH MONTH  
OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR THE OBSERVANCE  
OF EIDUL ADHA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
CODE OF 1987, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1       **SECTION 1.** The tenth day of Zhul Hijja, the twelfth month of the Islamic  
2 calendar, is hereby declared a national holiday. Eidul Adha is the tenth day in the month  
3 of Hajj or Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca wherein Muslims pay homage to Ibrahim's  
4 supreme act of sacrifice and signifies mankind's obedience to God.

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6       **SECTION 2.** Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order no. 292, others known as  
7 the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8               "SEC. 26. Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days - (1) Unless  
9 otherwise modified by law, order, or proclamation, the following regular holidays  
10 and special days shall be observed in the country:

11               A. Regular Holidays

12                       New Year's Day - January 1

13                       Maundy Thursday - Movable Date

14                       Good Friday - Movable Date

15                       Eidul Fitri - Movable Date

16                       EIDUL ADHA - MOVABLE DATE

17                       Araw ng Kagitingan - April 9

18                       Labor Day - May 1

19                       Independence Day - June 12

20                       National Heroes Day - Last Sunday of August

21                       Bonifacio Day - November 30

1 Christmas Day - December 25  
2 Rizal Day - December 30  
3 B. Nationwide Special Holidays  
4 All saints Day - November 1  
5 Last Day of the Year - December 31  
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7 **SECTION 3.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and  
8 regulations and any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
9 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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11 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
12 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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14 Approved,