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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Archipelago is one of the largest archipelagos in the world. It is composed of 7,107 islands and a coastline that stretches around 20,000 kilometers. It is no surprise that most of our people rely much on the bounties of the seas and the coastlines for their survival.

Article 12, Section 2 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that, "the State shall protect the nation's marine wealth." However, even with the said clause in the Constitution, our marine resources weren't spared from the damages and destructions brought about by our activities. These damages and destructions in turn threaten the resources that provide our countrymen food and source of living.

This bill prescribes every second Saturday of September as "National Coastal Clean-Up Day" to heighten the consciousness of our countrymen on the importance of preserving our marine resources thru programs and activities that would promote prevention of water pollution.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS A NATIONAL
COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE COUNTRY

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 Coastal Clean-Up*
2 *Day Act of 2013.*"

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4 **SEC. 2.** The second Saturday of September of every year shall hereby be known as the
5 "National Coastal Clean-Up Day" to promote consciousness over the protection of our marine
6 resources.

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8 **SEC. 3.** Pursuant to the observance of the National Coastal Clean-Up Day, an annual
9 program of activities that would promote water pollution prevention via coastal cleanups shall be
10 prepared and implemented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

11 In support thereof, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher
12 Education (CHED), the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Department of Interior and Local
13 Government (DILG), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Armed Forces of the
14 Philippines (AFP), shall facilitate and encourage the commemoration of this day and the
15 participation of all schools, public and private, government agencies, be it local or national, the
16 police, and the armed forces, nationwide.

1 The Philippine Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with the abovementioned
2 agencies shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 4. *Funding.*** - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of
5 this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DENR under the current General
6 Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued
7 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

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9 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provisions, or part hereof, is held invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall
11 remain valid and subsisting.

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13 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
14 regulations inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified
15 accordingly.

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17 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
18 its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of
19 general circulation.

Approved,