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**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "YOLANDA COMMEMORATION" DAY**

Explanatory Note

On November 8, 2013, Super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), the most powerful storm ever in recorded history to make landfall, smashed through central Philippines causing untold destruction and loss of lives with Tacloban City considered as the ground zero.

In the aftermath of typhoon Yolanda, countless individuals, nations and organizations from all over the world came together to extend all forms of support and assistance to survivors in spontaneous and sincere acts of empathy and compassion, indeed turning a disaster into a shining moment for all humanity.

To commemorate the heroic efforts of individuals and organizations in the rehabilitation of communities devastated by typhoon Yolanda, this measure seeks to declare November 8 of every year as a special working holiday in Tacloban City and in the Eastern Visayas region.

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** November 8 of every year is hereby declared a special working  
2 holiday in Tacloban City and the provinces of Leyte, Biliran, Southern Leyte,  
3 Northern Samar, (Western) Samar, and Eastern Samar to commemorate the  
4 onslaught of typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), to honor the memory of all who died  
5 in the said disaster and to salute the selflessness of all volunteers and  
6 organizations who contributed in the recovery and rehabilitation efforts of all  
7 the affected communities.  
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9 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its  
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general  
11 circulation.  
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13 Approved,