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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING**  
**HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ROTARY DAY"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Rotary Club of the Philippines is a local chapter of Rotary International and was likewise the first Rotary Club in Asia. It has been continuing its dedication towards selfless service for the people for almost 99 years now and has been changing and improving the lives of many ever since.

The Rotary Club takes actions on multiple projects inclined with these six missions, namely: promoting peace, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, helping growing local economies and fighting diseases, specifically Polio, by giving vaccinations in the Philippines since 1979 and helped 6 million children. In total, there are around 800 Rotary Clubs in the country which continue to uphold the abovementioned missions.<sup>1</sup>

Indeed, the Rotary Club showed us commendable dedication to service and exemplary commitment to the country. In keeping with the untiring support of Rotary Club, this bill proposes the declaration of February 23, the Rotary's anniversary date, as the National Rotary Day, as a fitting acknowledgement of the magnitude of contributions made by the organization towards the betterment and development of the country in terms of socio-economic programs and services.

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<sup>1</sup> Rotary Club Philippines. Retrieved from <https://rotaryphilippines.wordpress.com/about-us/>.

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

  
LEILA M. DE LIMA

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

1       **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "National Rotary  
2 Day Act".

3       **Sec. 2. National Rotary Day.** – February 23 of every year is hereby  
4 declared a special working holiday to be known as "National Rotary Day" in  
5 recognition of the invaluable contributions of the Rotary Club of the Philippines to  
6 humanitarian and community service.

7       **Sec. 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication  
8 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*