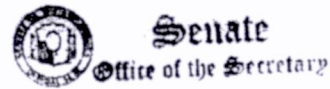


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DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE "YOLANDA COMMEMORATION DAY"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On 8 November 2013, Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) – one of the strongest tropical cyclones to make landfall in the world history – swept through the Philippines, severely affecting the Eastern Visayas area. With sustained winds of 315 kilometers per hour (kph), gusts as strong as 380 kph, and storm surges of over four (4) meters, the typhoon caused 5,982 deaths, injured 27,022, left 1,779 persons missing, and affected 12.2 million people. A total of 1,192,091 houses are reported damaged leaving behind tens of thousands of internally displaced individuals.

The total damage was estimated at P571.1 billion (US\$ 12.9 billion). Despite tremendous losses, an overwhelming support came in the form of humanitarian aid for immediate disaster relief and funding assistance for rehabilitation and recovery projects from all over the world.

This bill seeks to declare November 8 of every year as a special non-working public holiday in the highly-urbanized city of Taclocan, the independent city of Ormoc, and the provinces of Leyte, Biliran, Southern Leyte, Northern Samar, (Western) Samar, and Eastern Samar to commemorate the devastation brought about by Typhoon Yolanda.

The proposed measure will also honors the memory of all who died in the disaster and salute the selflessness of all volunteers and organization who took part and contributed in the recovery and rehabilitation efforts of the communities affected by the typhoon.

For the last three years, the city of Tacloban, and the provinces of Leyte, Biliran, Southern Leyte, Northern Samar, Western Samar, and Eastern Samar have been observing an annual commemoration of Typhoon Yolanda through local executive order. It would only be fitting if this commemoration is institutionalized through law for future generations to always remember the resiliency of the Filipinos to endure the catastrophe.

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



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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 non-  
2 working public holiday in the highly-urbanized city of Tacloban and the provinces of  
3 Leyte, Biliran, Southern Leyte, Northern Samar, (Western) Samar, and Eastern  
4 Samar to commemorate the onslaught of typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) to honor the  
5 memory of all who died in the said disaster and to salute the selflessness of all  
6 volunteers and organizations who took part and contributed in the recovery and  
7 rehabilitation efforts of the communities affected by the typhoon.

8 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
9 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*