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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare another important Islamic celebration, Eidul Adha, the tenth day of Dhul Hijjah, as a national holiday.

Eidul Adha or Feast of Sacrifice is celebrated by Muslims all over the world every year on the tenth day of the month of Dhul Hijjah - the last month of the Islamic lunar calendar. It is celebrated in commemoration of the great sacrifice by Prophet Ibrahim's offer of the life of his only son Ismael at the command of Allah s.w.t. The actual purpose of the sacrifice is to create piety, devotion, obedience and submission to God as stated in Qur'an. The sacrifice is offered as part of Hajj or Pilgrimage. The Hajj or Pilgrimage is the time of the year when Muslims from all over the world gather and visit the Ka'bah in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Popularly known as the Black Stone, it was built for the worship of Allah s.w.t. For over 1,400 years now, Muslims flock to Mecca to perform Hajj as it is one of the five pillars of Islam.

Eid'ul Adha shares the same universal appeal and importance as Eid'ul Fitr, or the Feast of Ramadhan. Eidul Fitr is celebrated every first day of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic calendar by Muslims all over the world, to mark the end of the month-long Ramadhan, where Muslims fast from sunrise until sunset as part of the five pillars of Islam. Through Republic Act No. 9177 otherwise known as An Act Declaring the First Day of Shawwal a National Holiday for the Observance of Eid'ul Fitr, this important Islamic celebration became one of the national holidays of the country.

The generosity of the Islamic faith is such that in countries with multi-cultural constituencies, although predominantly Muslim, all days significant to other religions are celebrated as national holidays. The more than 10 million Filipinos comprising 14% of the Philippine population deserves the same courtesy and goodwill.

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

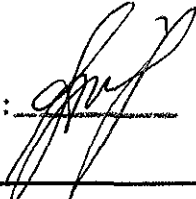


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AN ACT

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:

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

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

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

A. Regular Holidays

New Year's Day	-	January 1
Maundy Thursday	-	Movable Date
Good Friday	-	Movable Date
Eidul Fitri	-	Movable Date
EIDUL ADHA	-	MOVABLE DATE
Araw ng Kagitingan	-	April 9

Labor Day	-	May 1
Independence Day	-	June 12
National Heroes Day	-	Last Sunday of August
Bonifacio Day	-	November 30
Christmas Day	-	December 25
Rizal Day	-	December 30

B. Nationwide Special Holidays

All saints Day	-	November 1
Last Day of the Year-	-	December 31

SECTION 3. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,