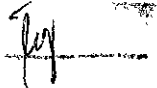


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first successful defense of Philippine freedom against foreign invaders and the first recorded triumph of Filipino forces over superior western firepower took place in the historic battle of Mactan four hundred eighty six (486) years ago.

This victory in April 27, 1521 catapulted Lapu-lapu, the King of Mactan, into the limelight of history as the first Filipino and Southeast Asian hero.

If the nations celebrates the defeat and surrender of U.S. and Filipino forces in Bataan and Corregidor on April 9 of each year, then there is more reason to commemorate the successful exploit of Lapu-lapu and his warriors on April 27 of every year.

Therefore, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
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AN ACT
TO DECLARE APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE
VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY
FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON
APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-
LAPU

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-seventh day of April of every year is hereby
declared as a special non-working holiday throughout the country to
commemorate the victory of Lapu-lapu and his men over the Spaniards in the
historic battle of of Mactan on April 17, 1521 to be known as Lapu-lapu Day or
Adlaw ni Lapu-lapu.

SEC 2. To ensure a meaningful observance of the holiday as herein
declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including
government owned and controlled corporations as well as local government
units, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient
time and participate in any activity conducted in their respective localities to
celebrate Lapu-lapu Day or Adlaw ni Lapu-lapu.

SEC 3. This Act shall take effect three (3) days following its publication in
at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulations or in the Official
Gazette.

Approved,