

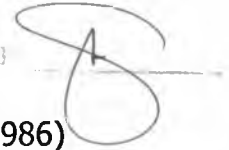
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AN ACT

**DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO
BE KNOWN AS THE "ARAW NG PAGLALATHALA AT PAGTATANYAG NG
KASARINLAN NG PILIPINAS"**

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

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2 ***of 1898 Act.***"

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6 It shall ensure that historical dates and events are preserved, promoted, popularized,
7 and made accessible to the public as part of the country's heritage.

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9 Sec. 3. **Special Working Holiday.** – August 1 of every year is hereby declared
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11 *ng Kasarinlan ng Pilipinas.*" This is in recognition and commemoration of the
12 promulgation of the declaration of Philippine Independence during the Bacoor
13 Assembly in Bacoor, Cavite, on August 1, 1898, which was subsequently ratified by
14 the Malolos Congress as Acta Agosto Uno.

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16 Sec. 4. **Role of Cultural Agencies and the Department of Education.** –
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19 surrounding the Bacoor Assembly of 1898. Further, the Department of Education shall

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2 that students are educated about its relevance and importance.

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4 **Sec. 5. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
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6 not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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