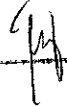


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The love, care, devotion and dedication of our mothers to our family deserve the utmost recognition of the husbands and children, and of the society as a whole. The annual commemoration of Mother's Day allows us to spend a special day with our mother and express our gratitude and appreciation for everything they are doing for us and for our family.

Mother's Day was originally celebrated every first Monday of December upon the declaration of President Manuel L. Quezon in 1936 with the former Bureau of Education taking the lead in the activities of the celebration. During that time until the term of President Ferdinand Marcos, special programs and activities are held for the said celebration.

In 1987, Mother's Day celebration was moved from December to May allegedly upon the suggestion of some business establishments to invigorate business during the usually sluggish season from March to May and to coincide the celebration with that of the United States.

While the essence of the Mother's Day is not affected by the change in the date of its celebration, it is quite disheartening that adjustments were made for business interests and to pattern it with that of another country.

This bill seeks to bring back our own and distinct historical way of celebrating Mother's Day. The Department of Education and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall be the lead agencies in conducting activities for the said celebration.

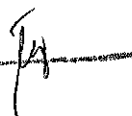
The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "**Mother's Day Act**".

**SEC 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the vital role of mothers in the foundation of family life. The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive support from the government.

**SEC 3.** The first Monday of December of every year is hereby declared as "Mother's Day".

**SEC 4. Lead Agency.** – In the observance of this yearly occasion, the Department of Education and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall conduct commemorative activities as a national token of recognition for mothers and motherhood.

**SEC 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

**SEC 6. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby modified or amended accordingly.

**SEC 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*