

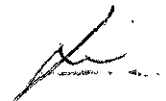
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first successful defense of the Philippine freedom against foreign invaders and the first recorded triumph of the Filipino forces over superior western firepower took place in the historic battle of Mactan four hundred eighty nine (489) 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 celebrated 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
Senator

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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 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 days (3) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulations or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,