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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-third day of July, two thousand twelve.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. **10556** ]

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "ARAW NG PAGBASA", A REGULAR WORKING HOLIDAY

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "The Araw ng Pagbasa Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes and supports endeavors that promote reading and literacy, motivate awareness and uphold our Filipino heritage and culture, including educational activities focusing on the life of former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., whose role in our country's history was influenced by great writings of different individuals.

The State likewise recognizes the importance of promoting reading as a shared activity among the youth, families, educators and the private sector, thereby emphasizing personal interaction and facilitating the exchange of ideas throughout the country.

SEC. 3. *National Holiday.* – November 27 of every year is hereby declared as "Araw ng Pagbasa", which shall be a regular working holiday, to be celebrated in all elementary and secondary schools in the country. In the event that the holiday falls on a weekend, the holiday shall be observed on the Friday of that week.

