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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 22 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "(T)he State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development." Hence, the promotion of a society recognizing and promoting the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) within the framework of the 1987 Constitution and Republic Act 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997.

Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997, was approved on October 29, 1997. It seeks the recognition, promotion, and protection of indigenous cultural communities/ indigenous peoples within the framework of national unity and development.

This bill seeks the commemoration of the approval of the said law and the promotion and protection of the rights of all members of ICCs/IPs.

Thus, the urgent approval if this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING OCTOBER 29 AS A SPECIAL NATIONAL
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION
OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AS PROVIDED
IN THE INDIGNEOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED

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 and cited as the “*Commemoration of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act*”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State:


(a) To recognize and promote the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) within the framework of national unity and development;

(b) To recognize, respect and protect the rights of the ICCs/IPs to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions;

(c) To take measures, with the participation of the ICCs/IPs concerned, to protect their rights and guarantee respect for their cultural integrity;

(d) To observe the anniversary of the enactment of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Acts of 1997 in recognition of the protection and promotions of the rights of the indigenous peoples.

SECTION 3. *National Holiday.* – October 29 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in commemoration of the anniversary of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 and the promotion and protection of the rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines.



SECTION. 4. *Repealing Cause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION. 5. *Effectivity Clause* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

