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Constitution Hills, Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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House Bill No. 2221

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Introduced by HON. PAZ C. RADAZA

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The intention of this bill is to *appropriately* commemorate the victory of Lapu-Lapu and his men against the Spaniards, led by Ferdinand Magellan during the Battle of Mactan in April 27, 1521. The bill will declare every 27<sup>th</sup> day of April as *Regular Holiday*, to be known as Lapu-Lapu Day or Adlaw ni Lapu-Lapu.

While Rizal Day that is celebrated every December 30, and Bonifacio Day every November 30 are both *Regular Holidays*, RA 11040 declares Lapu-Lapu Day as *Special Working Public Holiday only*. May I point out non-parallelism in considering celebrations of heroes' holidays in our country.

The battle that happened centuries ago, with the heroic act of Lapu-Lapu should not be viewed as to pale along with the works of other national heroes like Gat Jose Rizal and Gat Andres Bonifacio.

The passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
PAZ C. RADAZA

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AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS REGULAR HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521 TO BE KNOWN AS **LAPU-LAPU DAY** OR **ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU**, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 11040.

*Be it enacted by the Houses of Senate and Representatives of the Philippines in Assembly:*

SECTION 1. The Twenty-seventh day of April of every year is hereby declared as a regular non-working public 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 27, 1521 to be known as "**Lapu-Lapu Day**" or "**Adlaw ni Lapu-Lapu**", amending Republic Act 11040.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - Republic Act 11040, all laws and decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

