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HOUSE BILL NO. 2512

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the fourth Thursday of November each year as the National Thanksgiving Day.

It is our duty as a nation, regardless of the different religions we practice, to offer our supplications to the God we believe in. We must give thanks for the blessings that are continuously bestowed upon our people – the economic growth, the safety of the country, the promising state of public affairs, the administration's successful campaign for change, the infrastructure development, the lessening of national calamities and our unity as a country.

With the enactment of this bill, it is hoped that we nourish an attitude of gratefulness, leading to a united and prosperous nation. A similar version of this bill was filed during the 17th Congress.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL
THANKSGIVING DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. National Thanksgiving Day – The fourth Thursday of
November of every year is hereby declared as the “National Thanksgiving Day.”

SECTION 2. Scope. – In observance of this special day as herein declared,
all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government
owned and controlled corporations, local government units, public and private
schools, employers in the private sectors, and industry associations shall
encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to
engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their
offices or establishments in celebration of the “National Thanksgiving Day.”

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
genral circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.