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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2512



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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

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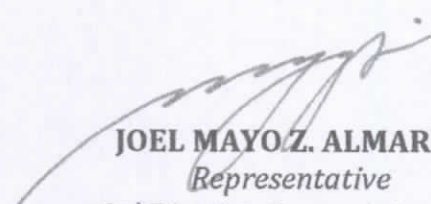
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:*

1       **SECTION 1. *National Thanksgiving Day*** - The fourth Thursday of  
2       November of every year is hereby declared as the "National Thanksgiving Day."  
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4       **SECTION 2. *Scope.*** - In observance of this special day as herein declared,  
5       all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government  
6       owned and controlled corporations, local government units, public and private  
7       schools, employers in the private sectors, and industry associations shall  
8       encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to  
9       engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their  
10      offices or establishments in celebration of the "National Thanksgiving Day."  
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12      **SECTION 3. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
13      its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of  
14      general circulation, whichever comes earlier.  
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16      *Approved.*