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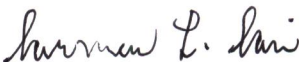
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sec. 25, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “*The State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments.*” For this purpose, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, was enacted to provide a greater measure of self-government to local government units (LGUs).

The local government is constituted by law because of its substantial control over local affairs. It is the viable organ for the performance of local functions. Since the declaration of a local holiday or special day is issued by the President pursuant to the Administrative Code of 1987 or legislated by Congress, this bill seeks to delegate this power to LGUs on account of their familiarity with the historical or cultural events in their respective jurisdiction. Thus, it is more appropriate that the declaration of a local holiday or special day comes from the LGU concerned.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **GRANTING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES THE POWER TO**
3 **DECLARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS**

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

6 SECTION 1. ***Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Local*
7 *Holidays Act of 2007.*”

8 SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
9 State to ensure that local government units (LGUs) shall enjoy genuine
10 and meaningful autonomy. Towards this end, the State shall provide for a
11 more meaningful local government structure whereby LGUs, through
12 their respective legislative bodies, are given the power to declare local
13 special days.

1 SEC. 3. ***Local Holidays.*** – Local legislative bodies, excluding the
2 *Sangguniang Barangays*, are hereby given the power to declare local
3 holidays, by ordinance, in their respective jurisdiction: ***Provided,***
4 That only one (1) local non-working holiday is declared to commemorate
5 a local historical or cultural event: ***Provided, further,*** That only
6 one (1) local working holiday is declared for a particular date, group
7 or place.

8 SEC. 4. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Secretary of
9 Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor
10 and Employment and the Chairman of the National Historical Institute, shall
11 promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation
12 of this Act.

12 SEC. 5. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders and
13 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby
14 repealed or modified accordingly.

15 SEC. 6. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
16 its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

17 Approved,