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HOUSE BILL NO. 6009



Introduced by Honorable Leopoldo N. Bataoil

EXPLANATORY NOTE

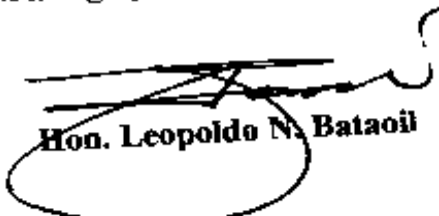
This bill seeks to declare March 10 of every year as a special non-working holiday to be known as the "*Araw ng mga buntis*."

Pregnancy is a fascinating state in a woman's life that is almost impossible to describe. It is the state or condition of having a developing embryo or fetus in the body (uterus), after union of an ovum and spermatozoon. It can also be said that pregnancy is the period when a woman carries a developing fetus in her uterus up to the time when she delivers the baby. During the time when a woman is pregnant, however, she may be subjected to several risks. But for most women, pregnancy makes them feel complete, totally fulfilled, and even happier.

Presidential Proclamation No. 569 was issued by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on March 9, 2004 declaring March 10 as "*Araw ng mga Buntis*" in support to the project of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc. (POGS). This is in coordination with the Department of Health in recognizing all pregnant women who are considered heroes on their own rights by bringing another life into the world.

The month of March is Women's Month. It is befitting that we give emphasis on the needs of pregnant women during celebration of the "*Araw ng mga buntis*". Likewise, the celebration will provide an opportunity to gather all mothers to be for an informative, learning, stimulating discussions and interactions.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 10 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
PUBLIC HOLIDAY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AS THE "ARAW NG MGA
BUNTIS"

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

SECTION 1. March 10 of every is hereby declared as a special non-working public holiday all over the country to be known as the "*Araw ng mga buntis*".

SEC. 2 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,