

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2232



Introduced by REP. TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 9 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 1994 the United Nations General Assembly decided that the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples shall be observed on August 9 every year to mark the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. This day is being celebrated every year by the estimated 300 million population of indigenous peoples worldwide

In the Philippines August 9 is celebrated by many indigenous organizations, support groups including the United Nations offices based here in the country. Indigenous peoples in the country still remain to be part of the most marginalized and discriminated sector of the society and their plight remain piled up with the many other issues that this country is facing.

The annual observance of the National Day of Indigenous Peoples will be a key venue to advance indigenous peoples rights and welfare. This bill seeks to increase the awareness and generate support on the respect for the rights and promotion of the collective well being of indigenous peoples in our country.

I first filed this bill in the 15th Congress. It was approved in third reading last 24 January 2012. Unfortunately, the Senate was not able to act on it.

Support for this bill is earnestly requested.



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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared a policy of the government to advance the rights and collective well being of indigenous peoples through the annual observance of the National Day of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines

Section 2. Special Working Holiday. The National Day of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines is hereby declared a special working holiday in the whole country every year

Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in two newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,