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HOUSE BILL NO. 2893



Introduced by Congresswoman Lorna Quinto Velasco

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy."

The Philippines is a constant victim of perilous tropical storms, monsoons, and erratic weather conditions brought about by global warming which brings about disastrous floods and causes heavy financial losses, immeasurable human suffering, and consequent economic dislocation among those affected.

The state must take steps to teach all Filipinos appropriate flood prevention measures. Moreover, as part of our national development, there is an impelling need to propagate among our people proper knowledge, caution, vigilance, and thoughtfulness in order to address the devastating flood problems that plague our country. It is imperative that all Filipinos be educated on how they can do their part in order help prevent these problematic floods.

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


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AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS FLOOD PREVENTION MONTH IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Flood Prevention Month*”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is declared to be the policy of the State to promote and protect all Filipinos from the devastating and catastrophic effects of the devastating floods plaguing the country and to undertake studies on how to improve our flood prevention measures.

SECTION 3. *Flood Prevention Month.* – The month of May of every year is hereby declared as “*Flood Prevention Month*” for the purpose of instilling public awareness of the need to take measures to prevent floods and as a reminder that every Filipino must do their part to prevent floods from reoccurring in the country.

SECTION 4. *Observation.* – The Flood Prevention Month shall be appropriately observed. Towards this end, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the Department of Interior and Local Governance, the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports, and the Philippine Information Agency shall conduct a continuing education and information campaign and flood

prevention measures to achieve the purposes as stated in Section Three of this Bill.

SECTION 5. *Rules and Regulations.* – The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council shall, in consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Governance, issue rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,