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HOUSE BILL NO. 4417



Introduced by **HONORABLE ZAJID G. MANGUDADATU**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Maguindanao Massacre left a scar that will forever be remembered not only by the Maguindanaons but also by the entire Philippine nation. Fifty-eight (58) innocent lives, including journalists who were merely there to do their respective jobs, were taken away by power-addicted elements. Worse, the perpetrators of this horrendous incident even tried to hide their crime by burying the lifeless bodies and vehicles of the victims in makeshift ditches.

This horrific event should not be allowed to happen again. This representation desires to make November 23 of every year as a holiday in the province of Maguindanao to remember the lives that were taken on the same date in 2009. Declaring November 23 as a holiday will also act as a reminder that Maguindanao and the entire Filipino nation should not allow such a deplorable act to ever happen again.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR
AS A HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO**

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

SECTION 1. November 23 of every year is hereby declared as a day in commemoration of the 2009 Maguindanao Massacre.

SECTION 2. November 23 is hereby declared as a non-working holiday in the entire Province of Maguindanao. All work and classes on November 23 of each year shall be suspended.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,