

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6319**



Introduced by **HONORABLE ZAJID G. MANGUDADATU**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The entire world was shocked when fifty-eight (58) innocent lives were taken away by the Ampatuans on November 23, 2009, in what we know now as the Maguindanao Massacre. For years, the family, friends and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Maguindanao Massacre are still deprived of justice.

Our country and the entire human race are facing terrorism, and it should be inculcated in everyone's mind that the threat is real and apparent. What happened in November 23, 2009 is a concrete example of how easily some people can perpetrate horrendous crimes.

As such, this representation finds wisdom in the constant remembrance and commemoration of the lost lives of the victims in the Maguindanao Massacre. Remembering the Maguindanao Massacre will help us to be always on guard that there are indeed threats to our security and peace. Remembering the Maguindanao Massacre will also give justice to those innocent people who were brutally murdered by the Ampatuans. Remembering the Maguindano Massacre every November 23 of every year will help instill in the minds of Filipinos that such a tragic terroristic occurrence will never be allowed and should not happen again.

The declaration of November 23 of every year as a National Day of Mourning to remember and commemorate the Maguindanao Massacre is an announcement to the world that Filipinos will not allow and will not tolerate terrorism in our motherland.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS A
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENT
LIVES LOST IN THE 2009 MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE**

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 National Day of Mourning.

SECTION 2. As a National Day of Mourning, the entire Philippines shall dedicate November 23 of every year to remember the lives of all those who passed away in the 2009 Maguindanao Massacre.

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

APPROVED,